Pittsfield (MA) Parks Department Scrapbooks

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Pittsfield Parks Department Scrapbook 1982

JAN 23 1982



Alone

The solitary figure hurrying across the landscape could be a student arriving late for class at Reid Middle School, located out of the picture on the left.

25 Years Ago

Dr. Thomas P. Kendrick, George L. Massery, Joseph J. Sibbio, Fayette O. White, Walter Kaplan, Nelson Steele and John C. Marchesi were inducted into the Optimist Club.

JAN 20 1982

FEB 15 1982

Parks Dept. seeks $1,500 to improve Dunham Mall

The Parks Department is seeking about $1,500 from Community Development Block Grant contingency funds to plan improvements to Dunham Mall.

"It's an important area," Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Vincent J. Hebert said last night. "It's the entrance to City Hall. It should be given considerable attention."

And, he said, any work done on the mall now will enhance the effect of the newly renovated Dunham Building, which forms its southern border.

"It's time to start getting up some new plans for that area," he said, and to decide whether to "improve what's there or get an entire new plan."

The mall now contains a fountain and sculpture as well as plantings and benches. The fountain has had recurrent drainage problems, Hebert said.

Before spending any money for architects or other professional help, he said, he and the Parks Commission will hold several meetings to get the opinions of citizens active in downtown development and also consider suggestions made by Betty Rich, part-owner of the Dunham Block. In the past, Mrs. Rich had suggested removing the fountain and sculpture to make snow removal easier, open the vista to City Hall and provide more room for pedestrians and perhaps for sidewalk cafes.

The City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee agreed Thursday to recommend approval of the planning grant to the full Council.

Exam scheduled for recreation post

A civil service examination for the position of recreation supervisor-athletics will be conducted Feb. 27, Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert has announced.

The deadline for submitting applications at City Hall to take the exam is Feb. 5. The time and location of the test will be determined later, Hebert said.

Under the civil service grade schedule, the hourly wage for a recreation supervisor ranges from $3.35 to $4.10.

JAN 25 1982

FEB 1 1982

City Council confirms long list of appointments

The City Council confirmed a long list of mayoral and Council appointments Tuesday, all by unanimous vote.

Leading the list were a number of department heads, all reappointed by Mayor Charles L. Smith for another two-year term:

Lawrence A. Grizey Jr., director of administrative services; Francis J. Condron, treasurer; David J. Polcaro Jr., tax collector; Nicholas J. Sarro, city auditor; Gerald S. Doyle, commissioner of public works; Louis A. Bolduc, commissioner of public health; Harold T. Grandshaw, superintendent of public buildings; P. Keyburn Hollister, city solicitor, and Gerald A. Denmark, associate city solicitor.

Joyce Barscz, who has headed the Crime Prevention Commission since its birth, was reappointed to the commission. Edward J. Ziemba was named as parking control officer.

City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi submitted names of nominees to the Council's Human Services Advisory Commission. Bernard Goclowski was reappointed chairman. Other members named are Fred Garner, Rosemarie Coughlin, Susan Francese, Ralph Froio, Fritz Heinemann, Joseph Martin, James Ciullo and Ian David Caird.

Two other long-time members proposed for reappointment, Daniel C. Dillon and Gilda Palano, notified the Council that they would not be able to serve another term.

Two councilors — Ward 5 Councilor Francis A. Chichetto Jr. and Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Betters —volunteered to be the Council's representatives on the commission.

Two appointments to the Pittsfield Historical Commission could not be acted upon Tuesday because the commission must first be enlarged from five to seven members. The Council gave preliminary approval to the enlargement Tuesday, but must vote again at its next meeting before the change can go into effect.

FEB 3 1982

Device checking air quality here may be moved

A meeting will be held Thursday at Springside House on a plan to move an air-quality monitoring station from outer East Street near the former city incinerator to Brattlebrook Park.

In a letter to Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert, Mark W. DuComb, supervising air sampling technician for the Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District, said the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering is updating its air-quality monitoring network in Western Massachusetts to fulfill federal requirements.

"One of the last obstacles," DuComb wrote, "is the relocation of the present station on East Street to a more representative location in the Pittsfield area."

The letter stated that the Brattlebrook Park location had been suggested. The proposed station would monitor ozone, sulfur dioxide, wind speed and wind direction.

Hebert told the Park Commission Monday that he would meet with DuComb at Springside House Thursday at 11 a.m.

FEB 3 1982

FEB 23 1982

Stracuzzi suggests cuts in city supervisory posts

City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi is renewing his perennial effort to turn the budget shears toward supervisory jobs rather than the bottom slots on the city job roster.

Examining the need for supervisory jobs is even more appropriate this year than last, when his efforts were unavailing, he said. Because of last year's layoffs as a result of Proposition 2½ budget constraints, Stracuzzi said, the ratio of supervisors to rank-and-file workers "is not what it used to be."

In a petition filed with the City Council, Stracuzzi called for close scrutiny of supervisory and management positions and listed six that he thinks may turn out to be unneeded. Five of them are in divisions of the Department of Public Works.

They are assistant superintendents in the water, sewage treatment and highway departments, foreman-supervisors in the Parks Department and city garage, and the assistant city engineer in the engineering division.

"I'm suggesting they should be evaluated," he said. "I'm sure there are others, but I haven't had time to go through the whole budget."

Under the City Council rules, Stracuzzi is empowered as Council president to route petitions directly to committees before they come before the full Council. He used that power on his own petition, referring it jointly to the Committee of the Whole — which works on the budget — and the mayor.

"I wanted to get this in early to give everyone food for thought," Stracuzzi said. He said he also wanted to give Mayor Charles L. Smith time to consider it as well.

Stracuzzi also put in petition form another cost-saving measure that he had suggested about two weeks ago. That is to pull back Department of Public Works operations to the main city garage and close the new garage.

The new steel, electrically heated garage costs about $40,000 a year to heat, he said, and may not be necessary because of accomplished and impending DPW cutbacks in equipment and manpower.

Stracuzzi had suggested that the new garage could be leased to a private firm. He said yesterday that he knows of a firm that might be interested.

The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Community and Economic Development is seeking a knowledgeable individual to fill a one-year position as a program coordinator for the establishment of a city-wide volunteer task force to be referred to as the Citizens' Volunteer Task Alliance. Individual will perform a wide variety of highly professional and technical tasks and must possess a proven ability in volunteer recruitment, fund raising or program organization; some knowledge of computer systems; and the minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and two years related experience or Master's Degree in the fields of Public Administration, Park and Recreation Administration, Social Services or a related field. 2/26/82

Resumes are to be submitted to Vincent J. Hebert, Superintendent, Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201, no later than 5:00 P.M., March 9, 1982. Salary Range $14,560—$16,640.

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MAR 18 1982

Progress reported on softball fields

A lease agreement between the city and the newly formed Berkshire County Softball Complex Inc. is "about 80 percent complete," Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert said Tuesday.

Hebert said the Park Commission reviewed portions of the agreement at a meeting Monday night with Robert Shade, president of the Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball Association, which initiated the venture.

The association received City Council approval last fall for its proposal to lease the old East Street landfill and use volunteer labor, donations and sales of outfield fence advertising to construct and maintain three softball fields and a clubhouse at the site.

Berkshire County Softball Complex Inc. is the non-profit corporation formed by the association to operate the facilities.

Hebert said Shade told the commission that the group is shooting for an opening Memorial Day weekend.

8—The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, March 17, 1982

More patrols sought for Valentine Road

The Traffic Commission voted Monday to request increased police patrols and stricter enforcement of speed limits on Valentine Road.

A study was conducted by the Traffic Department after a group of residents of the street came before the commission last August to describe problems of heavy traffic, speeders and dangerous conditions for pedestrians.

City traffic engineer Samuel Slack reported that part of the street could not be closed to through traffic, as was suggested, because Valentine Road was reconstructed with state and federal funds and is a major connector between the northwest and southwest sections of the city.

Closing it, he said, would put undue traffic pressure on Onota Street and Lakeway Drive and could jeopardize future funding for road projects.

Commission member Raymond Shogry, a traffic officer in the Police Department, said the department plans to station extra men on Valentine, primarily on weekends between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. and strictly enforce traffic laws.

"We're going to do something about it," he said, adding that the department has applied for a federal grant to pay for extra manpower.

Temporary solution

Michael Hogue of 24 Valentine Road expressed concern that increased police patrols would be only a temporary solution, a contention Shogry did not dispute.

"In the six years we've lived there," Hogue said, "there have been five fatalities, all in the summer and all involving speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour."

Shogry said most of the accidents were related to alcohol and drugs and that new state laws prescribe stiffer penalties for drunk drivers.

The commission will write letters to police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz requesting increased patrols on Valentine Road and to Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert asking his cooperation in blocking off areas around Onota Lake where young people congregate to drink alcohol.

MAR 19 1982

10 Years Ago

Tim Briggs, Pittsfield High senior athlete, was named the recipient of the Oswald Tower memorial scholarship, given annually by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials to a deserving boy in Berkshire County.

Clifford J. Nilan of 263 Second St. was sworn in as a probation officer in the Hampshire-Berkshire Superior Court. He worked primarily in Berkshire County with probation officer Carmen C. Massimiano.

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per in the department last year, 26 the at year before that.

he Seasonal workers, mainly playrm- ground and waterfront supervisors, a dropped from 169 in 1979 to 90 last year; "and it looks as if we'll be down to 78 next summer," said Hebert.

"We also were able to get eight summer maintenance workers last year. I don't know if we'll be able to get any next summer."

would consolidate maintenan

Transfer of school custodial operations to Public Buildings has been before the Council "a number of times in the past and each time we've backed off," said Smith.

But now with efficiency and economy clearly demanded under terms of tax-limiting Proposition 2½, he said, the consolidation "has got to be a money-saver."

Economies would come, he said, by reducing the number of supervisory personnel now spread among the three departments, by permitting greater flexibility in assignment of workmen, by eliminating overlapping jobs and by increasing preventive maintenance.

"There is no better man than Harold Grandshaw for getting work done and knowing all phases of building maintenance and repair," he said.

School Superintendent John C. Davis, recalling that school and City Hall officials have aired the consolidation idea over the past two years, said he would be willing to discuss it again, although in the School Department's view there are some disadvantages to it.

In discussing transfer of school custodians to the Buildings Department in past years, school officials have argued that such a transfer would take away direct supervision of custodial work from school principals, to whom custodians now report.

Smith says he remembers the argument but feels that with some planning and good communication, the flexibility associated with direct assignment and control can be continued.

Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of parks and recreation, said he, too, would be willing to discuss the idea. "The last time I remember the idea being talked about was at the time of the Herklots report," he said, recalling the study of government restructuring completed by a citizen commission in 1975.

"But it's certainly worth exploring," he said, observing, however, that grounds maintenance is more than "just mowing the grass before it's a foot high."

In the School Department, there are now 76 custodial employees, two of them supervisors.

In the Department of Parks and Recreation, there are nine maintenance employees: a foreman-laborer, a gardener, two motor-equipment operators and five parks maintenance men. There were 19 maintenance employees last year and 21 the year before, Hebert said.

"The way things are going, we'll be down to eight next year," he added. In all, the department has 14 full-time employees now. Besides the nine on the maintenance crew, there are Hebert, a parks foreman, a recreation director, a recreation supervisor and a principal clerk.

There were 24 full-time employees

14—The Berkshire Eagle, Tuesday, March 16, 1982

Mayor w

Mayor Charles L. Smith said Friday he wants to consolidate building and grounds maintenance operations now spread among three city departments into a single department for greater efficiency and economy.

The mayor, speaking of his current major preoccupation — determining next year's costs and finding money to pay for them — said he plans to seek Council support for the transfer of School Department custodians and the maintenance division of the Department of Parks and Recreation into the city's Public Buildings Department.

Such transfers would require only line-item shifts in the departments' budgets, he said, although there might be need to seek an ordinance change to rename the Public Buildings Department the Department of Buildings and Grounds.

MAR 25 1982

Police issue warning in wake of 2 attacks

Pittsfield Police today asked people in the Wahconah Street area to be on the watch for a 16-year-old white male who is believed to have raped a 12-year-old girl and attempted to rape an 8-year-old girl in recent weeks.

Police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz said the most recent assault involving the 12-year-old girl happened Saturday afternoon in Wahconah Park.

The other event took place in the 400 block of Wahconah Street earlier this year.

Capt. Anthony Pires is heading the police investigation.

He said the youth appears to be about 16 years old, has light brown hair and has either freckles or acne pockmarks on both cheeks.

Police said both events took place during the afternoon hours.

Chief Stankiewicz said his warning has two purposes: one is to alert parents of young girls and suggest that the girls not walk alone in that area, and the second is to seek cooperation from the neighbors in reporting suspicious people.

"I think we have a sick person on our hands," he said, "and we would like to find him to get him help before he does any more damage."

APR 8 1982

Buildings, parks budgets are approved by Council

In the latest of its budget hearings, the City Council last night approved basic budgets of $1,138,130 for the Public Buildings Department and $380,986 for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

And then the Council, as it has done with other departments so far, placed a number of projects for both of them on its wish list.

Public Buildings Superintendent Harold T. Grandshaw said if additional revenue is placed in his budget, he would earmark it for roofing the Public Works garage, roofing Crosby Middle School, replacing main doors at the Central Fire Station, putting new steam lines in Williams and Egremont schools and taking two oil burners out of currently vacant school buildings.

Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert said his wish-list priorities are an additional maintenance worker, additional money for the overtime account and park police and money for transporting special-needs students to playgrounds.

Both the Public Buildings and Parks basic budgets are below current levels, Public Buildings by $101,586, or 8 percent, and Parks by about $40,000, or 9.5 percent. Each department's current budget is down substantially from last year as well, all a result of revenue cuts resulting from Proposition 2½.

Grandshaw didn't assign a total dollar figure to his wish-list items, but three of them, the Crosby roofing job, oil burner removal and the steam line projects, would come roughly to $225,000.

Hebert's wish-list items come to approximately $36,500.

The hearing on those budgets came at a Committee of the Whole meeting in City Hall that was also to have considered budgets for the Conservation Commission, mayor and City Council. But these were postponed to April 21.

APR 12 1982

City Council to vote on taking land gift

The City Council faces a grab bag of business Tuesday that includes acceptance of a land gift, approval of a softball field lease, three public hearings, passage of two ordinances and a clutch of petitions from councilors and citizens.

The nine acres of gift land, offered to the city for $1 by Del Alba Realty, lies at the end of Bushey Road near Brattle Brook Park and would add to Conservation Commission holdings in that area.

Last October, the Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball League asked to lease the softball fields on the old East Street landfill that the Parks Department mothballed because of Proposition 2½. The lease agreement negotiated between the league and the city is now coming before the Council.

The public hearings involve a change in the zoning ordinance and applications for added gasoline-storage capacity at BP gas stations at 188 Elm St. and 580 North St.

The zoning change would allow departures from parking-space requirements anywhere in the city by special permit. Such permits can now be granted only in the downtown business district.

One of the ordinances up for final passage would update the city's fire prevention code. The second would ensure that last fall's economy-inspired experiment with shortened voting hours will not be repeated. It mandates that polls be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The polls closed at 6 p.m. during last fall's primary and general city elections.

Among the petitions before the Council are requests to commend the Civil Defense department for its service during the April 6 snowstorm, hold a public hearing on objections to a group home on Lakeway Drive and oppose legislation that would spread the burden of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident cleanup to utilities nationwide.

Ever since the Council instituted and then abandoned efforts to save money by turning off streetlights, almost every City Council agenda has contained at least one petition to turn on particular streetlights. The candidates this time are a light on Williams Street and one on Tyler Street.

JUN 21 1982

3 nominated to fill vacancies on city boards

Mayor Charles Smith has submitted the name of Donald P. Sheran of 40 Longfellow Ave. to the City Council as a new member of the Planning Board.

Sheran, former chairman of the Pittsfield School Committee, would fill the seat soon to be vacated by Patrick C. Gable.

The appointment is one of three that will be up for action by the Council at its session tomorrow night.

Others are Anthony Massimiano of 95 Pollock Ave. as a member of the city Parks and Recreation Commission and Richard Vinette Jr. of Brenton Terrace as the city's fair housing officer.

Massimiano would fill the seat on the Parks Commission currently held by John C. Curletti, whose term is expiring.

Gable's resignation from the Planning Board, effective June 30, will also be up for approval. He has submitted it, he says, because he is running for the state Senate.

Mayor's budget plan would delete 34 jobs

About 20 city employees, not counting School Department employees or 14 others expected to retire or resign, would lose their jobs under the $39.3 million budget Mayor Charles L. Smith plans to return to the City Council next week, and department heads were given a timetable yesterday for laying them off.

Some of the jobs could be restored at the last minute if Smith's budget assumption that Pittsfield will receive $2.55 million in additional state aid proves low. But the timetable must be followed so that employees facing layoff can take use up their vacation time by June 28, Smith said, to make the amounts budgeted for their salaries come out even with the fiscal year.

That means workers entitled to four weeks vacation will work their last day on May 21, those entitled to three weeks vacation on May 28, those entitled to two on June 4 and those entitled to one on June 11.

In all, 34 full-time jobs and 11 part-time jobs are slated to disappear. Resignations or retirements are expected to empty 14 job slots. The total number of part-time workers will only drop by four, because seven part-time crossing guards are being added to the budget.

Those marked for layoff include two Health Department employees, two Fire Department signal maintenance workers, a dog officer, one parks maintenance worker, 11 part-time Parks Department employees and two library employees.

The Department of Public Works will lose eight highway division workers, one each in the traffic department and city garage and two in the engineering division.

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Applicants sought for summer park jobs

The Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer positions on playgrounds, beaches, umpires, sports, park police and laborers.

Applications are available at the Dept. of Parks and Recreation office, 874 North Street. Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1.

JUN 26 1982

John C. Marchesi will be honored

Tickets are on sale for a testimonial dinner to honor John C. Marchesi, national trustee of the Sons of Italy in America.

The event will be put on by Itam Lodge 564 of Pittsfield, July 17, at the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7, with dancing to follow.

Nick Dinicola is the chairman for the event. Tickets are available at the lodge and from committee members.

Committee named for Marchesi dinner

Nick DiNicola is general chairman of the testimonial dinner for John C. Marchesi, national trustee of the Order of Sons of Italy. The dinner will be July 17 at the Itam Lodge, starting with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mancivalano are ticket chairmen, and ticket deadline will be July 12. Mario DiMartino is in charge of the program.

Tickets may be obtained at the lodge.

JUL 9 1982

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TENNIS CLINIC: Adult and junior registration for the Pittsfield Parks Department tennis clinics will take place this Wednesday at the Taconic High School tennis courts.

Junior registration, for those aged 10 through 17, will take place at 9 a.m. The clinics will run every Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult registration, for those 18 and older, will be at 5 p.m. The adult clinics will run every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A registration fee of $3 per clinic must be paid at the time of the clinic. Enrollment is limited, on a first come basis. The clinics will run on six consecutive Wednesdays. The fee for those wishing to participate in all six clinics is $12.

Jena Marcovicci, a well-known tennis professional in Berkshire County, will be conducting the clinics. The former Pepperdine University player has coached varsity tennis the past two fall semesters at Williams College.

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Dr. Kirvin again heads park board

Dr. Robert J. Kirvin, a member of the Park Commission since 1958, was elected its chairman at the monthly meeting last night at the Springside House.

This is the fourth time Dr. Kirvin has been elected chairman of the commission, which chooses a new chairman every year on rotation. He was most recently appointed for a five-year term to the Park Commission in 1978.

JUL 21 1982

If, in fact, it is impossible to keep the Dunham Mall fountain in working order, then the best solution might be to remove it and place the mall sculture in another location, such as Park Square. Doing so would make it more feasible to use mall space for outdoor cafe tables, an urban amenity that does not fit neatly into many other corners in Pittsfield.

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Dunham Mall's future aired at public meeting

By Sheila A. Mahan

Dunham Mall, the source of controversy since it was built in 1970, may lose its fountain and sculpture if the merchants and city employees who spoke at a public hearing last night have their way.

The Park Commission and Parks Department Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert sought public input before any money was committed to repair the inactive fountain which has not run in two years. The small gathering unanimously endorsed an open area.

"The mall would serve us better if it was open," maintained Steven M. Valenti, president of the Downtown Merchants Association and owner of Morgenstern's men's store. "The way the fountain is today, it is difficult to use it for much of anything."

Valenti, who said he represented the opinion of the association, suggested that if the fountain were removed and the sculpture relocated, the mall could be used by the merchants for sidewalk sales and other events designed to promote downtown shopping.

The Commission also viewed a sketch prepared by architect Jeffrey A. Gebrian that was "a composite of the ideas" already presented to the Parks Department, according to Hebert, who requested it.

The sketch, which Hebert emphasized was not a final plan, displayed the mall without its fountain and sculpture and with a surface that extended from North Street, through the mall, to the steps of City Hall. The sketch also showed a plastic canopy over the North Street entrance that framed the view of City Hall and doubled as a bus stop and shelter.

'Downtown theater'

Hebert said the view given through the canopy "could be used to emphasize City Hall as the seat of our government." Further, he said, the resurfaced section of Allen Street could be closed and used as a "downtown theater" for special events.

Renovations were being considered, Hebert said, because the reduction in maintenance personnel in his department makes the mall's upkeep in summer almost impossible. And the Department of Public Works was not able to remove snow during the winter, he said.

Wiring Inspector Gordon C. Dennis suggested that the fountain because of its lack of use would need costly repairs to be put in working order again.

Rick Sambuco and Jeff Sullivan of Waterbury, Conn., who plan to open a restaurant on the east end of the Dunham Block in mid-September, also supported removal of the fountain.

Betty Rich, one of the owners of the adjoining Dunham Block, who has suggested in the past that the sculpture and fountain be removed, endorsed the sketches presented by Gebrian. The mall, she said, is "a tremendously useful downtown space."

"What was done 12 years ago was good at the time. But in order to move ahead we have to make sacrifices," she said.

The mall was constructed in 1970 for $55,000 when the 28-foot-wide Dunham Street was closed. The work was paid for by the city and the abutters. The sculpture by Sahl Swarz was selected by a committee from 58 entries in a contest and was designed specifically for the area.

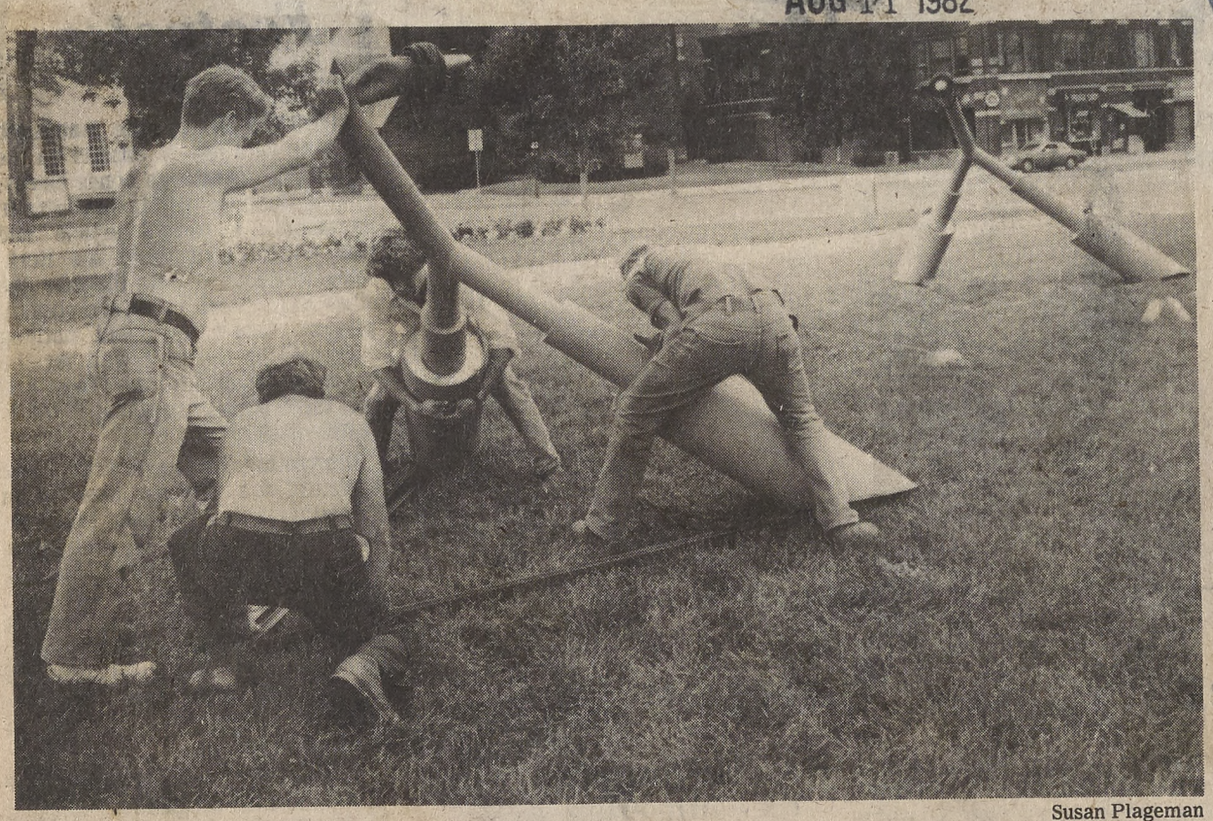
Relocation suggested

Several speakers at last night's meeting suggested that it be moved to an area where it could be viewed more easily, although Gebrian said that other areas of the mall nearer to the police station could accommodate the piece.

Gebrian's drawings did not include the parking area for police vehicles that now exists on the mall but did allow access to the police garage, police station and the Welfare and Health departments. The chief of police, he said, "is not as concerned about parking" as long as access to the garage remains.

No funding has yet been secured for renovation of the mall, although the Parks Department was awarded a $1,500 grant by the city Office of Economic Development to study possible changes. Hebert said that he will meet with the mayor and City Council when the Park Commission endorses a final plan.

AUG 11 1982



Susan Plageman

SCULPTURE is placed in Park Square, one of three set there in anticipation of the city's art festival, Artabout, which will be held here Aug. 18-22. This two-part sculpture is "Plasma Discussion," and its creator, Dennis Connors of Kingston, N.Y., is shown at far left. He is being assisted by three sculptor colleagues, Bill Lamond, with back to camera; Peter Homestead, center, and Stephen M. Day, right. Other sculptures in the park are by Maria A. Hall of Delmar, N.Y., and by Day, who hails from Old Chatham, N.Y.

Sailboard rentals fail to get permit

AUG 12 1982

A request by a Dalton businessman to rent sailboards and give lessons on how to operate them from a launching area on city-owned land on Pontoosuc Lake failed to win the approval of the Park Commission Tuesday night.

Edward Bazonski, owner of B&W Water Sports of Dalton, sought permission to conduct the business on the lake north of the YMCA Club off Route 7 for the remainder of the summer and to expand the operation next summer.

But Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert cited traffic problems in the area, insurance expenses and the heavy use by boats on that part of the lake as reasons to deny the permission.

Sailboards are large surfboards with sails. A rider balances on the board while it is propelled by the wind.

Bazonski disputed the danger, saying operators of the sailboards would have to learn the rules of the waterways as would any new boater and added that the boards have no parts that would cause any more injury than "a banged knee."

He chose the location, he said, because many sailboarders currently use it. But Hebert quickly responded that "they're doing it without a permit from the Park Commission."

In addition, Hebert said, if Bazonski operated his business without a permit he could be fined "$200 for use of public parks for private gain."

Commissioner Anthony G. Massimiano suggested that to permit Bazonski to conduct his business would open the way for requests from many private concessionaires.

Hebert suggested that Bazonski investigate private areas on which he could operate his business and offered to tour the lake area with him to explore those.

"From the standpoint of recreation, this is a good activity," Hebert said. City regulations would be too complicated for Bazonski to meet before the end of the summer, he added.

Limit on Lakewood Field's use is recommended by park supt.

AUG 12 1982

A survey of Lakewood Field area residents has led Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert to recommend to the Park Commission that the field be limited to neighborhood use.

The commission took no action on the recommendation at its Tuesday meeting because John C. Marchesi, director of recreation, said that some Little League teams may request to use the field.

But both Hebert and Marchesi endorsed the practice of scheduling only women's and girls' softball games there twice a week, instituted this year.

"People in that neighborhood have been waiting 15 years for relief," Marchesi said.

Neighbors in the area objected to the use of field by softball bar leagues because of the illegal parking and hazardous traffic conditions on Newell Street and side streets, according to Hebert.

The report said, "The most common complaint was the unrestricted parking which interfered with pleasant and peaceful use of their own property. In some cases they could not get into their own driveways."

His door-to-door and telephone survey also revealed that neighbors objected to the litter that accumulated in the park after such games and the presence of alcohol and glass containers in the park despite an ordinance prohibiting them.

Hebert said that residents also complained about offensive language and attitudes by players when asked to move their cars, and one man said that players change clothes in cars in plain sight of neighbors.

Hebert's report included a recommendation that users of the field pay for a city police officer to enforce parking and other regulations.

Hebert invited further comment from any residents of the area.

10 Years Ago

SEP 21 1982

Statistics released by the Department of Parks and Recreation provided graphic evidence of the summer's miserable weather. The report showed that of the 80 days the beaches were open, 14 were rainy, 34 cloudy and cold and only 32 clear.

Mrs. Edward R. Tetlow was elected master of Cheshire Grange. She succeeded Kenneth Magnant, who was elected to a one-year term on the executive committee.

Free hay offered to willing cutters

Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy is offering free hay at the commission's 148-acre Brattlebrook Farm property to anyone willing to do the cutting.

Controy said the hay has not been cut this year and that neighbors of the farm are concerned that it poses a fire hazard.

Anyone interested may contact Controy at City Hall or Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert at the Park Department, 874 North St., for further information.

SEP 13 1982

Clapp Park courts are vandalized

The Park Department had to send crews to Clapp Park twice over the weekend to clean up a large number of broken bottles on the basketball court, according to Parks Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert.

Hebert has appealed to anyone who witnessed the vandalism to contact the department at 874 North St.

SEP 21 1982

Softball complex's season is described as 'terrific'

OCT 5 1982

The Berkshire County Softball Complex has had a "terrific year" with gross revenues "quite a bit higher" than expected, the Park Commission was told last night.

R. James Bridges, treasurer of the non-profit organization that runs the new complex at the old city landfill, said income from concessions, billboard advertising, a raffle, parking permits, donations, tournament entry fees, field rentals and the appearance of "The King and his Court" totaled $56,000 as of Sept. 17.

The group had expected to take in from $30,000 to $40,000 during its first season, he said.

However, it has spent more than $90,000 so far developing the facility, instead of the $75,000 the organizers had expected.

Bridges said the organization is trying to obtain a $50,000 mortgage for its building, which is 90 percent complete, but is experiencing some difficulty because it does not own the land. Berkshire County Softball Complex Inc. is leasing the property from the city.

Park Department Recreation Director John C. Marchesi commented that the new facility has saved the Park Commission "a lot of headaches" this year. Formerly, nighttime softball games had to be played at Lakewood Field and drew frequent complaints about noise, litter and traffic congestion from residents of the Lakewood area.

Bridges said that, aside from a dust problem, the complex has been running very smoothly and has received many compliments from teams in Massachusetts and out-of-state who want to return next year for tournaments.

He also said his organization is working with Berkshire Learning Center on an athletic program for its students, who are emotionally disturbed young adults. Such a program would make the complex eligible for a grant from the Johnson & Johnson Co.

'Clean-a-thon' slated to benefit Bottle Bill drive

The local committee of the statewide Campaign to Save the Bottle Bill will hold a "clean-a-thon" on Saturday, Oct. 9, which it has dubbed "Bottle Bill Awareness Day."

Volunteers will collect bottles and other litter from three Pittsfield parks to be designated by the Park Department and collect pledge money for every bag of litter collected. The money will go to benefit the pro-Bottle Bill campaign.

In additional to the Clean-a-thon, the group has held other fund-raisers and will help sponsor a statewide bike-a-thon from Pittsfield to Boston, also beginning Oct. 9.

Question 4 on the November referendum ballot seeks the repeal of the Bottle Bill. The group plans to distribute leaflets at polling places on election day.

OCT 6 1982

Cleanup drive will focus on litter in Burbank Park

Tomorrow's "clean-a-thon" being staged by the local committee of the Campaign to Save the Bottle Bill will take place at Onota Lake's Burbank Park, according to chairman Christine Phillips of 442 Summer St., Lanesboro.

She said an effort is being made to organize a cleanup at the public park at Pontoosuc Lake as well, but it cannot be held unless more volunteers come forward. Anyone willing to participate should contact her at home, she said.

At Burbank Park, volunteers of all ages will collect bottles, cans and other litter, beginning at 9 a.m. The bottles and cans will be taken to the recycling center at Berkshire Community College.

Pledges of contributions are being sought by the volunteers for each bagful of litter they collect. The money raised will be used to help cover the cost of the statewide campaign.

Another phase of the campaign is a three-day bicycle trip across the state, starting Saturday from Brodie Mountain in New Ashford. About 50 riders from all around the state will camp there tonight and start out in the morning.

The route goes through Pittsfield and then heads east for Boston. Along the way, the cyclists will pick up a discarded can in each community they go through. At several points along the way the cans will be collected by a committee member. The cans picked up during the final segment of the ride will be deposited at the Statehouse.

Additional riders are expected to join the group as it moves across the state.

The bottle bill, which has already been passed by the state Legislature, cannot go into effect as scheduled on Jan. 1 unless a referendum question on the November election ballot is defeated. The question calls for the bill's repeal.

OCT 8 1982

The Berkshire Eagle, Saturday, Oct. 16, 1982—5

Park volunteer unit starts helping today

The Citizens Volunteer Alliance of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department will launch its park-assistance program this morning at 10 when members of the Knights of Columbus gather at the Springside Park Zoo to paint the playground equipment.

The event is the first arranged by Michele Depew of Williamstown, the coordinator hired by The Park Department with a $24,110 federal grant to create a volunteer cadre to fill gaps left by budget cuts in park maintenance and activities.

Ms. Depew said the alliance's maiden effort will be photographed and accompanied by refreshments provided by the Morningside Bakery.

Volunteers are needed, she said, to help with park surveillance, maintenance, recreation programs and special projects. She asked anyone willing to help to call her at 499-7435, the new telephone number of the volunteer alliance.

Ms. Depew, 24, received a bachelor's degree in recreation management from Northeastern University in June and was hired to coordinate the volunteer project in July. She was one of 25 students out of a graduating class of 4,000 to receive a cooperative education award from the university for achievement in the work experience that is part of Northeastern's degree program.

She fulfilled the cooperative education requirement by landing a job with the Worcester Parks and Recreation Department, working full-time during 1981 and part-time during the first half of this year.



Susan Plageman

Michele Depew

In Worcester, her duties included running a collaborative of 50 agencies that participate in city-wide events.

She said she has spent the past two months becoming familiar with the parks, the Pittsfield park system and the effects of budget cutbacks on the system, meeting civic and recreation groups and deciding where volunteers can be used to the best advantage.

OCT 18 1982



Mark Mitchell

VOLUNTEER PAINTERS spruce up the playground equipment at the Springside Zoo. Left to right are Michael J. Cassinelli, William Dion, Paul P. DiVirgilio and Frank J. Carnevale. Volunteers who assisted but are not in the picture, taken Saturday, were Eugene Kennedy, Daniel Carroll, Robert S. Cornwell, Linda Murphy and Dawn Mercier.

Wayne Tierney, 20, of Union Street was sentenced to 30 days in the Berkshire County House of Correction after he submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding to a charge of unlawful possession of marijuana. Judge Barbalunga stayed the start of the sentence for one year with the stipulation that Tierney remain out of trouble during that period of time. A charge that he violated the rules and regulation of the city Park Commission by drinking beer in Springside Park was filed.

Oct. 21, 1982

25 Years Ago

A thoroughly aroused and upset community turned out Mayor Harvey Lake, who was seeking re-election to a second two-year term. He lost out to Raymond L. Haughey by a smashing 3,140 votes. The vote was 12,688 to 9,548.

The Berkshire Museum Garden Club voted at its annual meeting to donate $300 for a rose garden at Springside Park. The gift was the first from a community organization toward development of Springside under a long-range program drawn up for the Park Department.

NOV 5 1982

DAR gives 3 trees to Park Department

The Peace Party chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has donated three flowering dogwood trees to the Pittsfield Park Department to be planted in Springside Park.

The donation was in observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The trees were purchased from the National Arbor Day Foundation and were presented to the Park Department by Marjorie D. Kuhns, conservation chairman for the DAR.

NOV 19 1982

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER ALLIANCE

Pittsfield Parks & Recreation

LOGO for parks volunteers' unit will be introduced Monday.

Parks volunteers' unit to be honored Monday

Volunteers participating in the Citizens Volunteer Alliance of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department will be honored at a social hour Monday from 7 to 9 at the Stanley Club.

A brief program at 8 will include thanks from Mayor Charles L. Smith and the introduction of a logo for the alliance. The group was formed with an award from the Department of the Interior's Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service to restore some of the programs cut because of Proposition 2½, according to Park Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert.

Need telephones

The alliance is seeking a company or agency to volunteer the use of its telephones for the North Pole Calling project it plans to launch during the pre-Christmas season, according to coordinator Michele Depew of Williamstown.

She said that Berkshire Life Insurance Co. has volunteered, but that more telephones are needed. Once enough telephones are lined up, the alliance will try to enlist volunteers to make calls to small children.

The project, in which callers purport to be Santa Claus, was done in Worcester, where Ms. Depew worked before joining the Pittsfield department in July. She was hired with a $24,110 federal grant to coordinate a program of volunteers.

The assistance program was launched Oct. 16, when members of the Knights of Columbus painted playground equipment at the Springside Zoo.

Ms. Depew said her efforts will be directed toward identifying projects for the volunteers, determining what skills are needed and recruiting volunteers who have those skills.

She said that the alliance will concentrate on adopt-a-park, a plan by which neighborhood residents assume the maintenance of a park; operating neighborhood parks with volunteers; record-keeping, and bulletin-board posting.

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DEC 16 1982

Santa will call up kids, courtesy of Park Dept.

On Monday and Tuesday, hundreds of kindergartners and 1st graders will receive personal telephone calls from volunteer Santas and "North Pole operators" as part of the Park Department's first "North Pole Calling" program.

According to Michele M. Depew, volunteer coordinator for the department's Citizens Volunteer Alliance, information forms were sent home with Pittsfield schoolchildren in kindergarten and 1st grade last week.

Parents were asked to list the child's name, age, school, Christmas gifts requested and what he or she will receive, brothers', sisters' and pets' names, and suggestions for possible remarks to be made to the youngsters. The information will be used by the volunteers to develop conversations with the children and help to discourage unrealistic expectations about what gifts they can expect to receive.

Calls will be made between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Ms. Depew said. Berkshire Life Insurance Co., Berkshire County Savings Bank and Union Federal Savings Bank have donated the use of their telephones for the project.

Forms are to be returned no later than Monday to the Park Department at 874 North St., where additional forms are available, or to the Girls Club or Boys' Club.

Almost 200 forms have already been returned, Ms. Depew said.

DEC 21 1982

K. of C. helps park board cope with creche question

The Park Commission presented a certificate of appreciation to the Knights of Columbus last night for helping the city with a thorny constitutional problem posed by the traditional Nativity scene in Park Square.

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Vincent J. Hebert said his department was concerned because of challenges mounted by the American Civil Liberties Union "in many cities and towns across the nation considering the use of public funds for religious purposes."

To help fend off potential objections and avoid using city money to erect the creche, he said, the Park Department asked the Knights of Columbus for help. The organization willingly volunteered to set up the creche, maintain it while it is in place and take it down at the end of the Christmas season.

Mayor Charles L. Smith and the commission, Hebert said, "are most thankful that the Knights of Columbus volunteered to take this responsibility."

Hebert said certificates will also be presented to Daniel M. O'Connell of Berkshire Artisans and Michael J. Signor, who eliminated another potential public-funds question by volunteering to paint and repair the figures before use this year.

Another step toward separation of church and state may come next year. Hebert said some figures in the Nativity scene, presented to the city by Union Federal Savings Bank in 1965, need to be replaced. It has been suggested, he said, that the department ask the Council of Churches for assistance in meeting the cost.

The ideal arrangement, he said, would be for the Nativity scene to be completely in private ownership.

Eugene M, Kennedy and Paul Virgilio accepted the certificate on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. It was presented by Park Commission Chairman Robert J. Kirvin.

DEC 21 1982

700 Pittsfield youngsters chat with Santa on phone

By Debra DiMassimo

"Hello, I have a long distance call from the North Pole for Jennifer. This is Jennifer? Please hold the line. Santa Claus wants to talk to you."

Santa talked to about 700 Pittsfield children Monday and Tuesday nights as the Park Department's new Citizens Volunteer Alliance conducted its first "North Pole Calling" program. It was organized by Michele Depew, the department's volunteer coordinator, and calls were made from the offices of Berkshire County Savings Bank and Berkshire Life Insurance Co.

Thirty-two volunteer Santas, who included members of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and City Hall employees, tailored their conversations to forms filled out by parents.



Tess Panfil

DEC 23 1982

The children were mostly kindergartners and 1st graders. Some were awestruck; others could barely contain their excitement. One asked, "Is this a recording?"

The volunteer Santas were models of inventiveness, fielding requests for sailboats, snowmobiles, a Corvette — even a live dinosaur with teeth — with aplomb. "I'm sorry, but that won't fit on my sleigh," was one response.

Anthony M. Sacchetti Jr., executive director of RSVP, told one little girl that he knew her dog's name because "my elves told me after looking through my magic snowball."

He later assured a skeptical 5-year-old that Rudolph the Reindeer's nose was indeed red.

Sacchetti persuaded one talkative child who managed to keep him on the phone for about 20 minutes by saying, "I've got to go now. Mrs. Claus is calling me. One of the elves just fell out of the sleigh, and I have to go pick him up."

Stephen Volin of RSVP said one little girl informed him, "You're crazy!"

Larry Caprari talked to one boy who said, "Someone wants to talk too." After some loud panting, the boy got back on the line and said, "That was my dog Jasper."

Parents got an opportunity to send personal messages to their offspring through Santa, who presumably has some clout. "Be sure to pick up your room" and "You've done very well in school" were intoned frequently.

George Vogel of the Berkshire chapter of Vietnam Veterans told one boy, "You be a good boy and don't fight with your sister any more."

The volunteer Santas and North Pole operators clearly enjoyed their task. But the real reason they got involved was perhaps summed up best by Tony Sacchetti, whose parting words to one kindergartner were suggested by her parents.

"Remember, Corinne," he told Corinne Burnick of 214 McIntosh Drive. "All that matters at Christmas is love."



DEC 11 1982

Joel Librizzi

CHRISTMAS WREATH of clipped evergreens, pine cones and dried grass is displayed by Charles Schafer, head gardener at Springside Park, who makes all the wreaths that decorate Pittsfield government buildings. This one is destined for City Hall.

12—The Berkshire Eagle, Saturday, Dec. 11, 1982

Seven cited by Park Dept. as it honors its volunteers

Seven persons were presented with citations of appreciation as the city Department of Parks and Recreation held its first "volunteer social" in recognition of volunteers who donated time and services to department activities.

Sixty people gathered for the event Nov. 29 at the Stanley Club. Volunteers, responding to cutbacks in the department budget caused by Proposition 2½, this year donated time and services to more than 40 activities encompassing recreation programs and maintenance projects.

Dr. Robert J. Kirvin, chairman of the Park Commission, praised the volunteers for their interest and dedication. Without them, he said, many department programs would not have existed.

The seven who received citations were:

— Francis McDonald, who has served as the president of the Pittsfield Little League for 25 years.

— James Hassett, for his progressive involvement in Babe Ruth baesball from coach, to vice president, to his current second term as president. He is also a volunteer official for the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department Junior Football program.

— Thomas Grizey, for the services he and the Civil Defense provide to the Department of Parks and Recreation, particularly the cleaning and maintenance of Park Square fountain.

— David Foley, for the first-aid services he has provided for the Department of Parks and Recreation Junior Football program, fishing derbies and other sporting events.

— Rusty Fuchs, a member of Boy Scout Troop 20, who was responsible for the development of a 4-mile walking trail at Sackett Brook Park. He recruited and supervised volunteers from his troop to survey, clear and mark the trail.

— Alan Shepardson, for supervising Egremont Playground during the summers of 1981 and 1982, allowing the playground to remain open when many other playgrounds were forced to close.

— Ellen Greer, for her dedication and support of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department girls' softball league. Although Ms. Greer has no children of her own involved in this program, she has coached and assisted with the development and organization of the league since its inception six years ago.

— Franklin H. Controy, for his dedication to the improvement of conservation and park lands in the city of Pittsfield.

The event was organized by Michele Depew, volunteer coordinator for the Citizens Volunteer Alliance, with the assistance of the Parks and Recreation staff.

JAN 11 1982



Mark Mitchell

A gift from the Arctic

Winds blasting across Pontoosuc Lake blow snow across Route 7 during the onslaught of bitter cold yesterday. The official high temperature at Pittsfield Airport was zero. More of the same is expected today and tomorrow. Story, Page 19.

FEB 3 1982

Stracuzzi questions DPW overtime use

What he saw last Saturday morning made City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi doubt that the Department of Public Works is being as frugal as possible with costly employee overtime.

After receiving early calls from constituents who demanded to know why city trucks were out sanding the streets under threatening but inactive skies, Stracuzzi said, he visited the city garage with Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr.

"There were 12 people [working] that we saw," including five mechanics fixing a sand mixing machine, he said.

Stracuzzi said he was distressed to discover that DPW crews had been told on Friday to report Saturday because an ice storm was predicted. It might have been better, he said, to wait to see if the storm actually developed before calling workers in and to delay sanding until then. An ice storm, he said, can put a glazed cover over sand on the roads, making resanding necessary.

And he said he is not convinced that the sand mixer, which, he learned, had been broken for three weeks, could not have been fixed during normal working hours.

"The questions this raises are, is this the best use of manpower? Are there better ways of handling an emergency?" he said.

Stracuzzi, who said the DPW highway and municipal garage divisions have spent $25,000 on overtime pay in a one-month period, said he believes the answer to the first question ... in the department.

The information should include, he said, the job held by each person called in, the shift and day of the week involved, the exact hours worked, the job the overtime worker was assigned, the amount paid and "an explanation of the emergency nature of the job and why it cannot be done on regular time."

If overtime calls appear to bunch on the second or third shifts, Stracuzzi said, one answer might be to switch workers from the day shift during winter months to increase nighttime coverage at lower cost.

And if workers repeatedly have to be called in on overtime to staff the garage, "Why can't the garage have a second or third shift if needed?"

The Council president said he will also propose reassessing the need for the new municipal garage. It costs $40,000 a year to heat, he said.

"In light of Proposition 2½," he said, "it may not be necessary because of cutbacks in manpower and equipment."

Instead, Stracuzzi suggested, it may be possible to consolidate all equipment in the older garages and lease the new garage — which, he said, can be reached without driving through the city yard — to a private company.

JAN 30 1982

Council on Aging re-elects Ralph Froio

The Pittsfield Council on Aging elected new officers Jan. 21 for one-year terms.

Re-elected chairman was Ralph J. Froio, who has served in this capacity since 1976. Elected secretary was Odessa Daoust.

The council meets at the Senior Center on Bradford Street the third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

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David H. Hebert, 33, of 10 Lakewood Circle pleaded not guilty to open and gross lewdness. His case was continued to Aug. 5

FEB 17 1982

Route 7, bikeway, PCBs are application subjects

An application for $1.86 million in state and federal funding to rebuild a section of Route 7 near Pontoosuc lake is one of three that delegates to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission will review at their monthly meeting tomorrow night.

The project, for which Pittsfield is seeking funds from the Federal Highway Administration, involves reconstructing a 1.5-mile section of upper North Street to provide 12-foot travel lanes, 8-foot shoulders, improved sight lines and improved drainage.

Two other proposals up for review are a revised first phase of a Williamstown's bikeway proposal, and a staff proposal to include PCB research in a state waterfowl study.

According to the Route 7 application by Pittsfield, some 1,500 feet of roadway would be relocated a maximum of 500 feet east from the lakefront into adjoining YMCA property and 500 feet of roadway would stretch over what is now a portion of the lake near Broadway and Yarmouth streets.

In addition, the Hancock Road bridge would be rebuilt and the Hancock Road intersection would be improved.

In preparing an analysis of the city's application, BCRPC staffers noted that the project is one of those on the 1982 Transportation Improvement Program.

The staff raised questions about the environmental impact of filling in a portion of the lake and of diverting runoff under the new drainage system from the lake to river.

The analysis also addresses concerns about the project's impact on historical and archaeological sites, and states that it is not clear how it will relate to the proposed Pittsfield bypass.

Williamstown bikeway

In other business, BCRPC delegates will discuss the first phase of a revised Williamstown's bikeway proposal. The town is seeking $453,556, 75 percent of the cost of the project, from the state Department of Public Works. Phase 1 is the in-town portion of the overall proposal and includes building sidewalks and bike paths separate from roadways and off-roadway bike trails and erecting signs for roadways to be shared by motorists and bicyclists.

PCB research

The commission also will review the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's waterfowl research program, which involves a study of coastal and inland waterfowl habitat and management. The state is seeking $132,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the study.

In its analysis of the application, BCRPC staff suggested that the study include determining the extent of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) contamination and other organic toxins in waterfowl using the Housatonic River and Woods Pond.

14—The Berkshire Eagle, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1982

Council will get breakdown of overtime costs

All city departments will submit a detailed monthly breakdown of overtime expenditures to the City Council as the result of a vote Tuesday.

The original petition, submitted by City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi, called only upon the Department of Public Works to provide the figures, and asked that they be turned in at each Council meeting. The changes resulted from amendments offered by Ward 3 City Councilor Norman W. Cheever Jr.

The amendments and the reporting requirement all passed on 10-1 votes, with At-large City Councilor James R. McCaffrey the dissenter in each case.

Stracuzzi, who turned the president's chair over to At-large Councilor Joseph W. Ryan so he could speak on his petition, stressed that he is not trying to do away with overtime — "we all know that especially in winter, because of weather conditions, we must have overtime" — but to ensure efficient use of overtime.

Stracuzzi filed his petition after discovering that a number of Department of Public Works employees had been assigned on a Friday to work the next day, on overtime, because an ice storm was forecast.

Need questioned

The storm did not develop during the day Saturday. Stracuzzi reported that he visited the city yard Saturday morning with Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. and that they counted 12 men there. He questioned the need to keep the crew on duty rather than calling them in if, and when, bad weather appeared.

Commissioner of Public Works Gerald S. Doyle was away on a two-week vacation when Stracuzzi criticized overtime use. He returned last weekend, and passed out copies of a letter of rebuttal to councilors at Tuesday's meeting.

He said he had hesitated to respond because "this is not the first time that he [Stracuzzi] has seen fit to take it upon himself to run the department . . . It is a problem to operate this particular division as there is a disadvantage of having the councilman's father employed as one of my top operators."

Stracuzzi responded that "I can accept and understand personal attacks upon myself. That is part of the job. But I feel badly that my father is being used as a scapegoat."

The real issue, he said, is proper use of overtime.

Stracuzzi has crossed swords with Doyle before. Last year he pushed to reduce the number of city vehicles taken home by city workers. The year before he sought reassignment of time and control clerks to the auditor's department.

Stracuzzi said Doyle and his foreman blame his father, a long-time city employee, and that "there have even been insinuations that they may retaliate against him for my Council actions."

Doyle, in his letter, said that two mechanics were working rather than the five Stracuzzi counted that Saturday.

The sand-making machine had been down three months, not three weeks, he said, and sand bought rather than home-mixed costs $3.40 a ton.

He said that before leaving on vacation, he told his superintendent to get the sandmaker into operation at once when parts arrived. Some of those on duty that Saturday, he said, were trying to repair the sandmaker.

He added that mechanics went home after 6½ hours because a clutch had not yet arrived and the repairs could not be finished.

Taxpayer demands

The number of calls from residents complaining of icy or rutted streets justified putting the four sanders on the roads, he said. "The taxpaying public demands these services seven days a week, and our people are familiar with the type of calls received."

On that same day, he said, his crews removed snow from Clapp Park in preparation for the Parks Department's family day activities and "plowed and sanded the boulevard and parking lot at Onota Lake at the request of the Parks Department so that the fishermen were allowed access over the weekend."

Stracuzzi said that since the men were told to report to work Friday, the sanders were not brought in as a result of the calls for service.

Doyle objected vigorously to Stracuzzi's complaints being made public before he returned from vacation. Department heads, he said, "should be allowed the common courtesy of at least explaining what the procedures are to people who are trying to interfere with our activities."

Stracuzzi, in his own letter of rebuttal to the Council, responded that "my job as a councilor does not stop because a department head is on vacation."

MAR 8 1982

Pittsfield budget requests to be eyed for 'balance'

Mayor Charles L. Smith has signaled that supervisory jobs are in for close scrutiny this budget year by saying he will be examine departmental budgets for "balance."

The larger departments lost workers as a result of the first year of Proposition 2½ budget cuts, he said, and fewer workers should require fewer supervisors.

For instance, he said, he expects that Police Department and Fire Department budgets will show cuts in higher ranks proportionate to cuts at the patrolman and firefighter level.

He also said that he will question Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Vincent J. Hebert to ascertain whether all the supervisory posts in that department are still needed.

The "balance" question was first raised by City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi.

Stracuzzi filed a petition calling upon the Council to "give equal consideration to eliminating management and supervisory positions, not just hourly and non-supervisory jobs" in its budget deliberations. He used his prerogative as Council president to route the petition directly to the Council's Committee of the Whole, which reviews the budget, and to the mayor.

Stracuzzi, who observed "in some cases although manpower has been reduced the number of supervisor 'bosses' has not been reduced proportionately," gave his own list of candidates for possible extinction.

His list included three assistant supervisors, a foreman and the assistant city engineer in the Department of Public Works and a foreman in the Parks Department.

MAR 9 1982

Parade theme is announced

"Great Americans — Fact or Fiction" has been chosen as the theme of the 1982 Fourth of July Parade, Beverly A. Chartier, committee president, announced today.

She said floats competing for awards must use this theme in their entry.

Mrs. Chartier said plans are well under way with more than 20 musical units slated to participate. She said that after seeing an article in Yankee magazine and witnessing a televised tape of the parade, many units personally contacted the committee and requested to be included in what is believed will be the largest Fourth of July parade ever staged in New England.

MAR 13 1982

GE sets dates for year-end plant shutdown

The General Electric power transformer department has announced plans for a 10-day shutdown for the Christmas holiday period this year.

The shutdown will run from Dec. 20 through 31 and will include three paid holidays — Dec. 23, 24 and 31.

GE said no year-end shutdown is scheduled for the ordnance systems department or plastics business operations, with the exception of the Genal products section, which ties its shutdown dates to customer schedules.

GE earlier had announced that its summer vacation shutdown, except for plastics, will be the two weeks beginning July 12. Plastics shutdown dates will be announced later.

Eastover units again to march in Pittsfield parade

Beverly Chartier, president of the Pittsfield 4th of July Parade Committee, said today that George Bisacca and his Eastover contingent will again merge with Pittsfield to form what is believed to be the largest 4th of July Parade in New England.

Because July 4 falls on Sunday this year, the parade will be held Monday, July 5. The United States Coast Guard Band will present a free public-service concert on Saturday evening, July 3. The Eastover Shootout, an annual event, will be held Sunday afternoon, the Tribute to America Show on Sunday evening and the giant parade on Monday.

Mrs. Chartier said the major fund raiser to finance this extravaganza will be a raffle with $1,500 in prizes to be given away. Tickets are $1 each and will be available shortly, she said.

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FLEA LEAGUE: Registration for the Flea League, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held next Monday through Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sackett Park on Williams Street. Girls and boys 4 through 7 years of age are eligible.

Team rosters and schedules will be distributed Friday, July 2, at 10 a.m. Games will be played weekday mornings between 10 and 11:30 starting Tuesday, July 6.

The Flea League is a recreational and instructional league, which stresses fundamentals and sportsmanship. As in the past, a batting tee will be used instead of a pitcher. The program is open to Pittsfield residents only. Further information may be obtained by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

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16—The Berkshire Eagle, Friday, March 19, 1982

Municipal unions say no to wage freeze

By Judy Katz

The teachers' union, the first to publicly decline the administration's invitation to a wage freeze, has plenty of company.

"No way," said Gerard E. Miller, president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 2647. "We will not consider that at all."

"I don't think anybody's going to freeze," said Jack V. Groat of Local 861 of the Association of State County and Municipal Employees, the city's largest bargaining unit. "They'll have to prove to us that they're out of money, and they're not out of money."

"In our union," said President George Howes of the Professional and Supervisory Employees Association, "we voted that we have to have a pay raise. It's a question of survival. If that means more will have to be laid off, then more will have to be laid off."

"Naturally, we don't like to see anyone lose their jobs," said Angela Bowerman, president of the clerk's union, Local 65. "But the people who remain have to keep on living in today's world. We have to pay the same bills in the grocery store."

In all, new contracts must be negotiated with 12 city and school unions this year. Howes said his association is starting negotiations now. The clerk's union will begin within the month, and dates will be set soon for others.

Mayor Charles L. Smith did not include any provision for wage increases in the proposed 1982-1983 city budget. Every 1 percent city unions win at the bargaining table will cost about $100,000, he said, and every 1 percent won by school unions will cost about $118,000.

Smith pointed out that on the city side, a 1 percent increase is the equivalent of five or six jobs. He has asked city workers to consider wage restraint in order to minimize layoffs due to Proposition 2½.

Groat said it does not have to be a question of giving up either wage increases or jobs. "We could show them where they could save money if they wanted to," he said. "We're going to try to get a meeting with the mayor."

Restoring the position of purchasing agent would save money, he said. The job was eliminated in 1980 after a two-year trial period because the savings expected did not materialize, but Groat said the purchasing agent system was never given a fair chance.

Sources of revenue

He also said that better parking meter enforcement and eliminating all remaining free parking spaces would increase revenue and that financial support for sports programs could be dropped. "You don't subsidize things like that when times get bad," he said.

Miller also said he believes jobs could be saved by eliminating unessential programs, but he declined to specify which.

"Some departments have lashed out at the fire and police [departments]," he said, "but I won't charge another department."

The School Department has complained that fire and police budgets went up this year while the school budget was cut steeply. Mayor Smith called that a mistaken impression caused by using the artificially low prior-year figures as a base for comparison.

Smith said that police and fire budgets do appear higher this year if compared with the original printout of the prior year's budget. But he said that printout did not include pay raises that were negotiated later but paid retroactively to the start of the fiscal year.

When this year's police and fire budgets are compared to final budget amounts for the previous fiscal year, he said, they show a decrease of $4,298 for the Fire Department and a drop of $62,130 for the Police Department.

Howes said that the number of professional and supervisory workers has already shrunk about 20 percent, almost entirely as a result of retirements and resignations. A wage freeze would force good, experienced workers to seek better opportunities, he said.

"City employees over about the past six years have received about half of what the rise in the cost of living has been," he said. "We've been subsidizing the taxpayers all this time, and we can't subsidize 2½."

14—The Berkshire Eagle, Saturday, April 17, 1982

Yearly shutdown is suggested for city government vacations

City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi proposed Wednesday that city government emulate General Electric Co. by instituting an annual two-week vacation shutdown, and found an immediate ally in Mayor Charles L. Smith.

"I think it's a great idea," Smith said. Stracuzzi had suggested it while Smith was still a city councilor, he reminded the Council president, and he had supported it then.

"That's right," Stracuzzi exclaimed. "It was a 9-2 vote."

While it couldn't be citywide — the police and fire departments would have to be exceptions — "we should deal with it again," he told Stracuzzi during a Committee of the Whole budget session. Because of the incentive for savings provided by Proposition 2½, "You may find you have a more responsive Council this time," he said.

Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Betters promptly announced that she liked the idea, and Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever concurred.

City Auditor Nicholas J. Sarro did not. It would not be practical to shut down the auditor's office or the treasurer's office, he objected. And if the shutdown were during the summer, it would interfere with the Department of Public Buildings school repair schedule.

Stracuzzi had tossed the suggestion into a discussion of the unclassified budget, described by City Auditor Nicholas J. Sarro as a catchall for expenditures that overflow departmental lines.

They range from insurance and pensions for city workers to safety glasses and the cost of the city pound.

Insurance question

The unclassified budget received preliminary approval, but only after Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever questioned Sarro closely on the figures for health insurance, general insurance and workmen's compensation.

He pointed to the 26 percent increase in the amount budgeted for Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurance, from $896,000 to $1.13 million. That, he calculated, amounts to $567 for each city and school worker. "It's very expensive," he commented, asking Sarro if the anticipated reduction in the number of city workers due to Proposition 2½ had been taken into account.

Sarro said it had not, but that an adjustment can be made later. The figure in the budget is the best figure available right now, but not the final figure, he said. Because the rise is so steep, he said he has asked Director of Administrative Services Lawrence A. Grizey Jr. to seek alternate bids on the city health insurance contract.

Cheever also pointed out a discrepancy between the workmen's compensation costs for recent years cited by Sarro and lower figures listed in the year-end expenditure reports, sparking a set-to with the auditor.

"I don't know where you got your figures," Sarro said. "Mine are right off the books."

Mayor Smith observed that if the councilors did not have the correct figures he considered it a serious problem, because "I'm using the same report."

Sarro ran downstairs to his office and brought back additional sheets of paper that backed up his tallies, explaining that the workmen's compensation fund had included about $300,000 in investments until recently. The investment money did not show up in the year-end report.

Cheever said that the "total budget" entry in the report supplied to the Council should reflect the actual figure.

"I'm the auditor," said Sarro.

But Smith interjected, "Myself as mayor and they as the Council should have the real figures," and Sarro assured them that since the investments are now sold, the reports would match actual expenditures in the future.

APR 17 1982

John Lloyd named Artabout chairmam

John R. Lloyd Jr., a logistics analyst at the General Electric Co., has been named chairman of the Second Annual Pittsfield Arts Festival, as Artabout has been rechristened.

The festival has been set for Aug. 18-21, a span considerably abbreviated from last year's 11 days. The festival will be preceded by a ball Aug. 7 and an artists' gathering Aug. 14.

The dates were set yesterday at a meeting at Mayor Charles L. Smith's office attended by about 15 chairmen of various aspects of the festival.

The formation of a volunteer board marks a shift in the workload from the city, which last year coordinated the effort. Because of Proposition 2½, city departments said they could no longer continue to carry the entire responsibility.

The several chairmen are: Bruce Farren, fund raising; Lou Mahony, ethnic fair; Gladys Novick, fine arts; Vicki Singer, crafts; Steve Valenti, liaison with Pittsfield Downtown Associates; Frank Bessell, performance scheduling; James Mooney, cleanup; Kenneth Dowsett, vendors; Gary Barker and Larry Chernicoff, promotion; and Susan Lampshire, children's events.

Janet L. Goldberg, commissioner of the city's Office of Community and Economic Development, said that her office would work closely with the volunteer organization to coordinate logistics for the festival. Inquiries may be directed to either the OCED or to subcommittee chairmen.

Local performers

Lloyd said that most of the performers will again be local people, both to give them a chance to show what Pittsfield has to offer, and to attract an audience that doesn't normally patronize the arts.

The roster will again include the Berkshire Ballet, Berkshire Public Theater, Shakespeare & Company, the International Folk Dancers, and the Berkshire Highlanders, of which Lloyd is a member.

Lloyd, who said he has never undertaken an arts festival before, will have more time for the effort when he retires from GE at the end of the month.



Susan Plageman
John R. Lloyd Jr.

Before coming to Pittsfield in 1957, he spent 14 years in the Army, leaving with the rank of major. Lloyd lives at 52 Commonwealth Ave. with one of his daughters.





Joel Librizzi

Uncharted waters

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Exploring new waters on Onota Lake, as the line of winter ice recedes, 11-year-old Christine Boynton of 31 Sheffield St. carefully navigates her craft, borrowed from her grandmother, Mrs. Rita Boynton of 627 Lakeway Drive.

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'Brainstorming' session set for tomorrow by City Council

By Judy Katz

The City Council has reserved tomorrow evening for one of its sporadic assaults on the municipal status quo. Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi has invited all his colleagues to offer ideas for changing established practices and reshuffling departments and responsibilities to save money, improve efficiency or both. He plans to bring in a sheaf of his own.

At the top of Stracuzzi's list is his perennial request to have three "time and control clerks" report to the city auditor rather than to the Commissioner of Public Works.

The clerks keep inventory and time-worked records. Stracuzzi has long argued that they could be better watchdogs over the public purse if the people they were watching were not also their bosses.

The Council considered the change last year — as it has in several prior years — but it was not adopted. Commissioner of Public Works Gerald S. Doyle successfully argued that the clerks must march under his orders because they also perform other functions.

Some other suggestions the Council president said he plans to introduce are also reruns, such as melding the treasurer's, tax collector's, auditor's and perhaps also the assessor's departments into a single finance office headed by a comptroller. That idea was brought up last year, but dropped without action.

But some are of 1982 vintage. Among them are creating a combined water and sewer department that would be financially self-sustaining. The money to run the new department would come from water rates and the proposed, but not yet adopted, sewer user fees.

The Council made the water department self-sustaining last year by giving it control over money raised through water rates. But in spite of its name, the water department — like the sewer department — is a division of the Department of Public Works rather than an independent entity.

Carving out a new independent water and sewer department would shrink Doyle's domain several sizes. Stracuzzi has other suggestions that would shrink it further.

He said the success of last year's decision to turn garbage collection over to a private contractor should inspire the Council to examine divesting the city of other traditional chores. Among them he mentioned vehicle repair, now the responsibility of the city garage, and snow removal.

Stracuzzi also wants to end involvement by the Department of Public Works in road construction. For years, private businessmen have called for taking the DPW out of the construction business. They argue that street reconstruction jobs should go to private contractors.

Multiple endorsements

The Berkshire Association of Concerned Small Businessmen, a recently formed group that seeks to monitor government spending, has lobbied for that change at meetings with local officials, including the mayor and Stracuzzi.

Mayor Charles L. Smith endorsed the idea last year and again this year. Stracuzzi said he favors it as well.

Since the city owns a road resurfacing machine, Stracuzzi said, it may be more economical for the DPW to keep the responsibility for that task. But, he said, the savings from using DPW crews for road reconstruction may be illusory. He said cost estimates may not take all applicable overhead and administrative items into account.

Stracuzzi suggested earlier that manpower reductions due to Proposition 2½ may make it practical to pull Department of Public Works operations back to the main garage, allowing the city to rent out the newer garage building.

He said he will toss that idea on the table tomorrow as well. The building has its own access from Hawthorne Street, he said, and now costs the city $40,000 a year for heat and power.

Ward 1 Councilor John R. O'Gara said last night he may suggest abolishing the separate paid post of animal inspector, a $2,300 budget item, and assigning the work to an existing city employee or department without extra compensation.

He said the state has taken over most animal inspection duties, such as the census of farm animals or inspection of cattle purchased out of state.

The public health department handles animal inspection in Chicopee and the dog officer does it in Holyoke, both without extra cost to the cities, he said. In Framingham, he said, the dog officer serves as animal inspector and receives an additional $875.

Pittsfield has traditionally appointed a veterinarian to the part-time post. But, O'Gara said, it is not necessary for the inspector to be a veterinarian.

Stracuzzi said the question of "peak staffing" for the Fire Department, already raised during discussion of the Fire Department budget, will get further attention.

The "peak staffing" plan would concentrate manpower during statistically fire-prone hours. That way, departmental budget cuts would result in some branch fire stations being closed at specific times of the day rather than permanently or for months at a time.

APR 21 1982

Ice thaw nears end on lakes

Though robins have been chirping, crocuses blooming and grass fires breaking out, only now comes final proof that spring has sprung in the Berkshires: The ice is going out of Pontoosuc and Onota lakes.

About half of Pontoosuc was open yesterday. The ice-free water extended across most of the central portion of the lake. Dark green, crumbly ice had been jammed by the wind into the northern, Lanesboro end. Thin slabs of ice separated by cracks of varying width floated along the western and southern shores.

The last of Pontoosuc's ice might disappear today. If not, it seemed sure to be gone by tomorrow or the day after.

At Onota, whose ice-out timetable almost always beats Pontoosuc's by a day or two, one lakeside resident was willing to bet that the ice would be all gone today.

This year's going out of the ice is coming three weeks later than last. Onota was free of all ice March 31 last year. It was April 2 for Pontoosuc. For both, that was a week or two earlier than ususal.

According to Eagle records, the earliest the Pontoosuc ice has gone out was March 26 in 1913. The latest was April 30 in 1940.

Stand by to launch canoes.

APR 22 1982

Council readies proposals to change city government

The City Council Tuesday night compiled a list of potential city government changes that reads like revolution.

Actual discussion was postponed until May 3, when Mayor Charles L. Smith is expected to be present and provide some additional suggestions of his own.

Ward 4 Councilor Mary E. Ausman said she would like to see all clerical workers for such departments as administrative services, city clerk, registrars of voters and Licensing Board merged into a single clerical pool whose members could be assigned wherever the work is.

Ward 5 Councilor Francis A. Chichetto Jr. said he wants to add the City Solicitor's office to the pool, and wants to consider consolidating the Police, Fire and civil defense departments into one.

Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi made many items on his own long list of desired changes public earlier. They include combining the auditor, assessor, tax collector and treasurer into a single department headed by a comptroller.

He also brought up an old, but still unaccomplished, Council goal — combining the Office of Community and Economic Development, the Planning Board and the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority into one agency. The sticking point in the past had been trying to blend in the Pittsfield Housing Authority, a federal agency, he said, and perhaps the change would come more easily if the PHA were left out.

At-Large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, who was the first to insist that any merger include the PHA, objected. "They're the ones that need supervision," he said.

Some of the ideas put in the hopper last night did come from the mayor, via the memories of Stracuzzi and City Auditor Nicholas J. Sarro.

They include putting Parks Department building and grounds crews and school custodians under the Public Buildings Department and transferring responsibility for monitoring fire signals to the county.

At-Large Councilor James R. McCaffrey put reinstituting the job of purchasing agent on the list, along with creating a separate water department and conducting a professional study of the Fire Department.

Stracuzzi's choice is merging the sewer and water departments and making the combination an entity independent of the Department of Public Works.

Ending DPW responsibility for road reconstruction, another list item, led to discussion of disposing of some heavy DPW vehicles. But the word the councilors used was equipment. Chichetto insisted that school department equipment be included in the discussion, causing some puzzlement among his colleagues until it became clear that he was referring to such items as audio-visual equipment.

APR 22 1982

Flock of balloons to honor volunteers

Eight hundred balloons will fly up from Park Square tomorrow at noon in a show of appreciation for work done by volunteers associated with Berkshire United Way.

United Way spokeswoman Jenni Guay said the ascension will mark the local observance of national Volunteer Week, which ends Saturday.

The balloons will be filled with helium at the Pittsfield YMCA and then "walked" by volunteers on North Street to the park. After the reading of a proclamation, the balloons will be released.

Representatives of agencies funded by United Way will be on hand to distribute literature about their programs. Free popcorn from the popcorn wagon and soft drinks from McDonald's will be provided.

Ms. Guay said the event is United Way's way of expressing thanks to volunteers for giving their time in helping fellow citizens and to encourage renewed commitment to improving the quality of life in the Berkshires through volunteer services.

"Volunteerism is ballooning in the Berkshires," she said.

Pontoosuc's ice has gone away, but not Onota's

The ice went out of Pontoosuc Lake yesterday, uncharacteristically ahead of Onota Lake, the major part of which remained covered last night by a dark-hued mass of slushy ice.

It was the second time in the last three years that Pontoosuc has beaten Onota for ice-out honors. Last year, the Pontoosuc ice went out April 2, while Onota's had vanished March 31. In 1980, however, April 7 was the date for Pontoosuc, but the Onota ice didn't leave until two days later.

A veteran Pontoosuc watcher reported that a fair-sized expanse of crushed ice still remained yesterday morning along the east shore at the lake's north end, driven there by stiff westerly winds. By mid-afternoon, though, none of that final tract of ice remained. The open lake was vibrant with choppy waves.

A resident of the Onota shore said last night the ice on the lake had the consistency of slush or a slurry and couldn't last long, perhaps a day or so.

He added that Laurel Lake in Lee and Lenox was open but Greenwater Pond in Lee was still mostly covered by ice.

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Rushing the Season

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Inevitably, there seem to be a few gung-ho swimmers who insist on ice-cold plunges as soon as the ice leaves the lakes. This pair cavorted in Onota Lake in April 1958.

Certainly the highlight of the Pittsfield City Council's budget session Tuesday night was City Auditor Nick Sarro's confession that nothing has been done to police the dispensation of gasoline from the Public Works Department pump "because it's difficult to put something in that department that the commissioner is not in favor of." It has to be one of the few times that Mr. Sarro has met his match when it comes to stonewalling.

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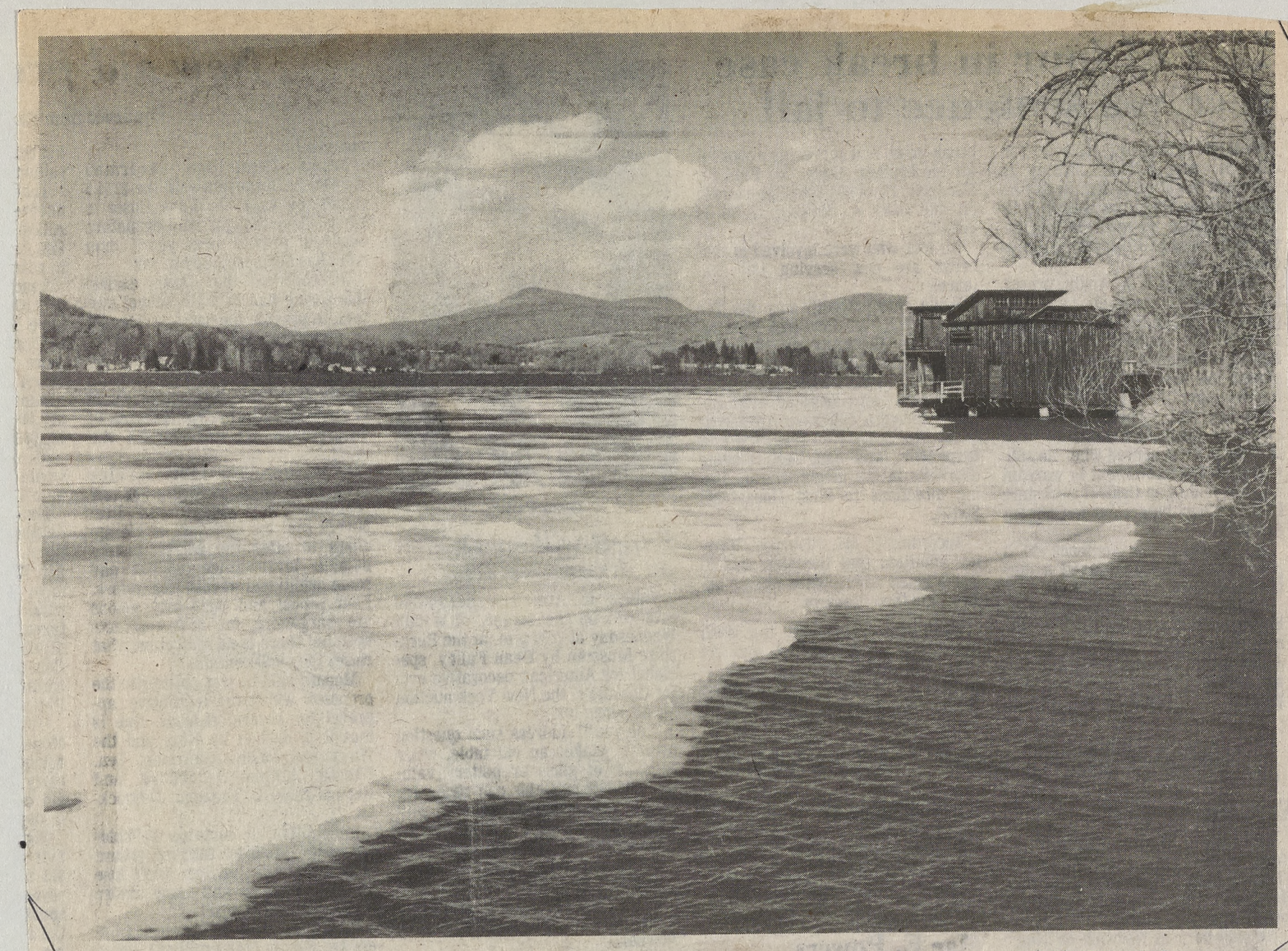
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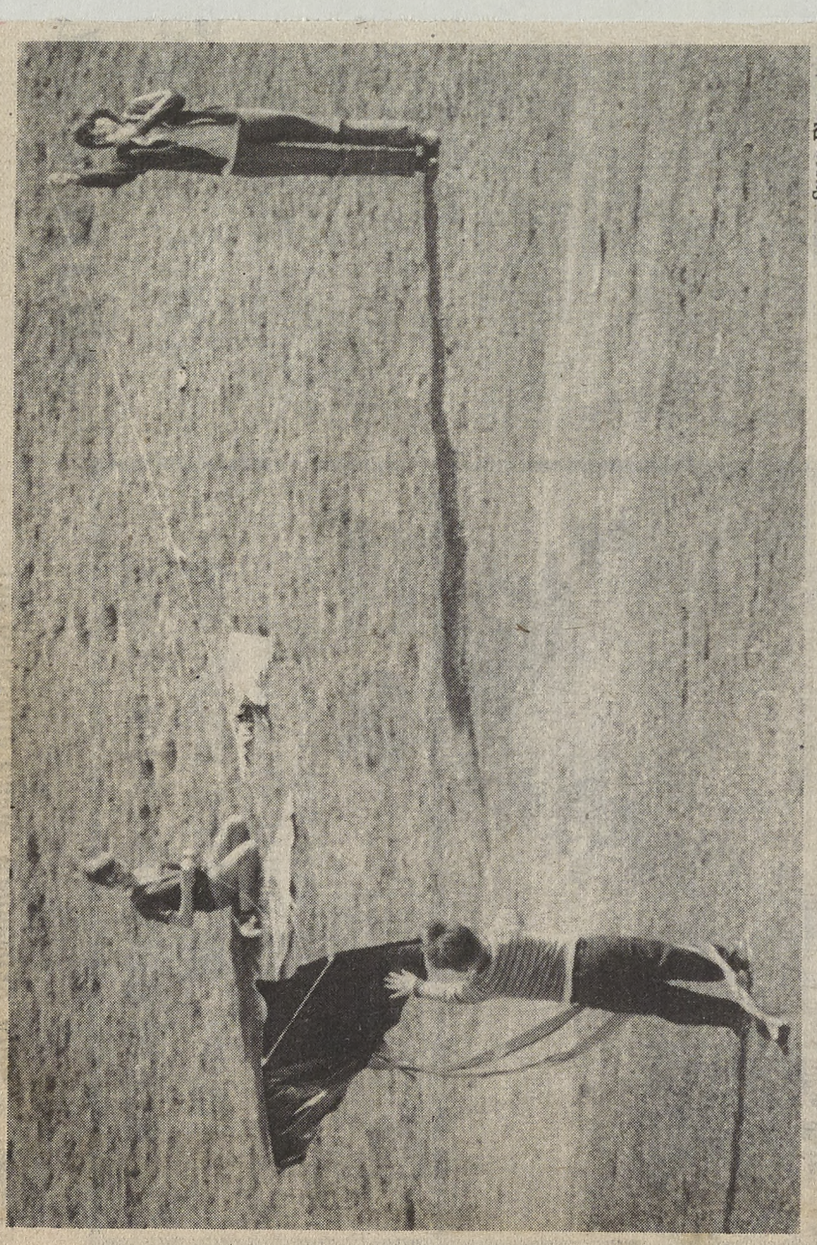
ICELESS PONTOOSUC reflects sunlight off a thousand wavelets. Ice left the lake Thursday, and yesterday the final vestige of ice departed from Onota Lake. Usually Onota clears first, but in 1980 and again this year the reverse was true. One lake watcher speculated that the lowering of Pontoosuc Lake to kill weeds might have something to do with it.



Transformation

APR 24 1982

Pontoosuc Lake was energetically in the process of shedding its winter coat when this view was taken Wednesday. The next day its ice was gone, ending another of the seasonal cycles that began when the lake was born.



Susan Plageman

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The helping hand

Keith Babcock, 4, of 167 West Housatonic St. assists with the launching of his sister Nicole's kite at Clapp Park. In the background, brother Derek, 10, watches and works on his kite.

APR 29 1982

Arbor Day plantings scheduled for Pittsfield, Stockbridge

Arbor Day, which falls tomorrow, will be observed in Pittsfield and Stockbridge this week with special tree plantings.

Trees will be planted in Pittsfield's Springside Park in memory of Mrs. Alfred K. Persip, and in Stockbridge at the Town Hall.

The Pittsfield observances Saturday at 11 in Springside Park will be sponsored by the Berkshire Museum Garden Club in conjunction with the Pittsfield Shade Tree Commission.

A 10- to 12-foot sugar maple will be planted in memory of Mrs. Alfred K. Persip, the former Augusta Price, who died in August 1980. Her husband is an honorary member of the Garden Club.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Norbert H. Jacoby of the Garden Club, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Lincks. Others are Richard Boyce of the Berkshire County Extension Service, Aaron H. Brown, George Hamilton, chairman of the environmental affairs department at Berkshire Community College, and Lincks, secretary of the committee.

Boyce and Lincks are members of both organizations.

Also involved in planning are Mrs. Robert Koch of East New Lenox Road, president of the Garden Club, and William S. Liddy, chairman of the commission.

The state Department of Environmental Management will sponsor a tree planting at 10 this morning at the Stockbridge Town Hall. Fred Hayward, insect pest control supervisor for the region, is in charge of arrangements.

Francis Holmes, professor of shade tree pathology at the University of Massachusetts, will be the main speaker. After a small procession, a Bradford Callery pear tree, a flowering rather than fruit-bearing variety, will be planted near the Children's Chimes. A small supply of seedlings is expected to be given to those who attend.

These are expected to include the Selectmen; Robert Faber, town tree warden; Donald Schneyer of the Laurel Hill Association, in charge of the tree planting committee, and local children.

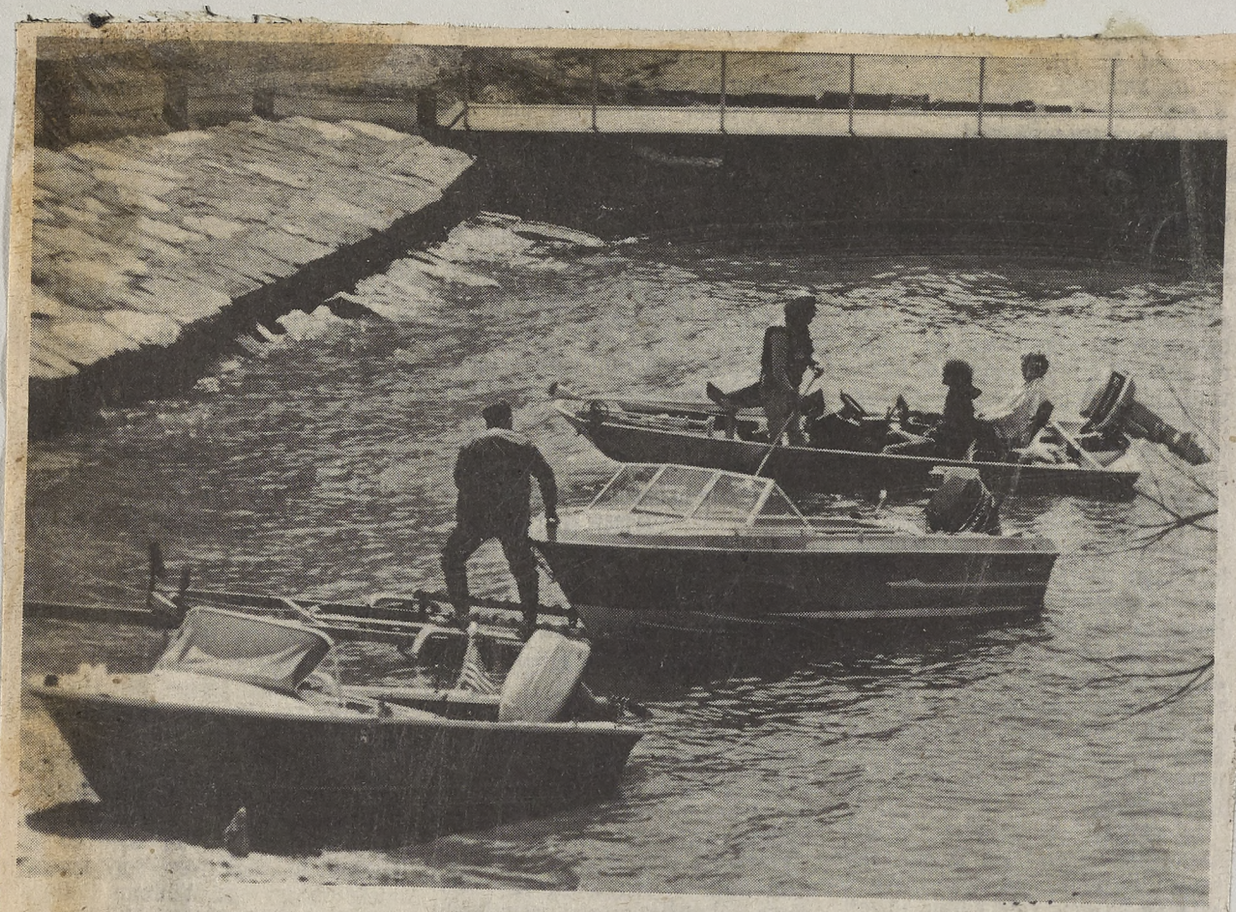
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Contract is awarded for park concession

A contract to operate the concession stand at Wahconah Park was awarded Tuesday to Lloyd Hughes Jr. of Lanesboro, who was the lone bidder.

Hughes, who also had the concession last year, bid $250. The concession stand is open through the end of the high school football season.

There were no bidders for the summer concessions at Onota or Pontoosuc lakes, according to Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of parks and recreation.



Joel Librizzi

APR 30 1982

Early boaters

The air is getting warmer, but the water is still cold, and so these boaters getting under way near the Onota Lake fishing pier are among the first hardy sailors of the new season.

Track meet shifted from Clapp to THS

APR 30 1982

The Pittsfield-Taconic boys' and girls' track meet scheduled to take place today at Clapp Park will instead be held at Taconic High at 3:30.

The site of the meet was switched because the track isn't ready for use yet, according to Pittsfield coach Gary Curry.

Three other meets will also take place today, with Mount Greylock at Wahconah, Monument Mountain at Hoosac Valley and Drury at Mount Anthony.

CITY OF PITTSFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by mail or in person by 2:15 P.M. May 17, 1982 at which time they will be opened and read. Bids are for an estimated 55,425 board feet and 63 cords of standing timber marked for cutting on the Pittsfield Watershed in Washington, Massachusetts.

Bids will received at:
Public Works Department
Room 05
City Hall
Allen Street
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201

Bids should be marked: "Timber Sale #16"

A certified check for 10% of the bid price must be included with the bid. Balance of payment is due by June 17, 1982 or whatever logging begins, whichever comes first. The successful bidder will have until December 31, 1983 to complete the sale. The timber will be shown on May 6, 1982 at 12:00 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the timber will be shown the following day, same time and place. Interested bidders may meet the Forester at the Adams Supermarket parking lot on Williams Street in Pittsfield.

Timber tallies, official bid forms, and Conditions of Removal will be available at the showing or at the:

Public Works Department
Room 05
City Hall
Allen Street
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201

MAY 5 1982

Keeping operator-switchboard favored for Pittsfield City Hall

By Judy Katz

After studying bids from three companies, city officials have recommended that City Hall stay with its present internal telephone system using a switchboard with an operator.

But the officials recommended buying a switchboard and phones to replace present equipment, which is leased from New England Telephone Co. That change would save about $3,000 a year for the first five years, and about $18,000 a year thereafter.

The recommendations, the fruit of an analysis of the competing proposals by Director of Administrative Services Lawrence A. Grizey Jr. and City Auditor Nicholas J. Sarro, will come before the City Council tomorrow evening.

The city sought bids on three kinds of internal telephone setups for City Hall in the hope of reducing telephone costs, which now run about $30,000 a year. One kind would use an automated central switchboard without an operator; another would use a central switchboard with an operator; and the third was a system of direct telephone lines to each department.

Chicopee firm low bidder

The bid analysis determined that for each option the low bidder was the telephone division of Valley Cinema Inc. of Chicopee. The Valley operator-switchboard system favored by Sarro and Grizey would save about $253 a month at first. The savings would increase to about $1,500 a month after five years, when the equipment would have been been paid for.

The greatest savings, about $18,000 a year right off the bat, would be achieved by eliminating the switchboard entirely and installing a direct telephone line to each department. Each department would have its own telephone number. That kind of system had been suggested last year by At-large Councilor Joseph W. Ryan.

But Sarro and Grizey determined that the disadvantages of such a system outweigh the savings.

Unless departments were provided with multiple lines and telephone numbers — "which would drive up the cost" —only one call could be taken at a time, Sarro said. "If I call the mayor, I tie up his line and my line. No one could reach either of us," he said.

Also, since calls could not be transferred between departments, citizens seeking information from more than one department — or who were mistaken about the proper department to call — would have to make multiple calls.

$15,000 a year

Adopting the recommendation would mean returning the cost of a telphone operator to the budget. The $15,000-a-year operator's slot was eliminated last year in anticipation of a phone system change, and clerks from Grizey's office have been taking turns sitting at the switchboard since.

But, according to the officials' report, an unstaffed switchboard would require installation of 25 additional outside lines, which would cost about $1,000 a month, and probably more as a result of future rate hikes.

The recommended system, they concluded, is "the most efficient for today and the one with the lowest future operating cost."

St. Joe-Taconic game

OK, here's what happened.

Taconic had just 11 players dressed for the game, and the Braves had used both their subs earlier, with Cliff Smead replacing Mark Andrew at second base in the fifth inning and Chuck Gaylord batting for Dave Bowler in the seventh.

With Taconic leading 5-4, Murphy brought ace right-hander Rizzo in to replace Taconic mound starter Matt Sheran at the start of the St. Joe seventh. Sheran, who had shown signs of tiring in the fifth and sixth, went to the outfield when Rizzo came in to pitch.

Before the inning started, Murphy had come out to help fix the mound, and when he did, that was unfortunately a charged trip.

So when Murphy came out to talk to Rizzo again during a bases-loaded, game-tying St. Joe uprising, that was the second trip in the same inning and he had to take Rizzo out.

According to umpires Steve Ricciarini and Mark Poopor, a coach can put a pitcher back in the field if he does so on his first trip — in other words, Rizzo could have remained in the game and gone to third base. A coach could also make that type of move if he did so from the bench. But on the coach's second trip to the mound, the pitcher — Rizzo — has to come out of the game altogether. And when that situation arose yesterday, Taconic had no more subs available. The Braves, with just eight eligible players remaining, had to forfeit the game.

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Annual fishing derby slated at Blue Anchor

The Blue Anchor Fishing Club will hold its third annual fishing derby for youngsters under 15 on Pontoosuc Lake on May 15.

Registration will be from 8 to noon at J.W.'s Lakeview Restaurant. Entries are to be weighed in at 2 p.m., according to Peter Whitney of Cheshire, club president.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in boys' and girls' divisions. All participants will receive a prize of some sort, Whitney said.



This romantic view of Pontoosuc Lake, painted in 1905, was copied from a photograph, a technique also favored by the late Norman Rockwell.

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May 12, 1982

Joel Librizzi

COLORFUL TULIPS provide a foreground for sun worshipers in Park Square.

May 8, 1982

Participation is sought for July 4 carnival

Pittsfield's Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking more community involvement in the annual July Fourth carnival to be held at Wahconah Park June 30 through July 5.

Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert said that in response to many requests to increase local participation, the department has joined forces with the July Fourth Parade Committee and the North End Association of Trade. Those groups have scheduled a meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at Springside House, department headquarters, for all organizations, agencies and individuals interested in helping to plan the event. The department has sent out letters inviting groups to attend, but said anyone is welcome.

Hebert said organizations will be encouraged both to help and to establish booths at the event to raise funds for their own groups. He said booster groups for school sports, in particular, might want to augment their budgets, reduced by Proposition 2½, in this way.

May 13, 1982

Cleanup day set at Pitt Park

A cleanup day will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pitt Park on Columbus Avenue, sponsored by the Pittsfield chapter of the NAACP.

NAACP President Magdalene Adams said the group is concerned about the extensive amount of broken glass in the park, which poses a hazard to the children who play there.

She said the NAACP is working with the Park Department to arrange for the lights and the water fountain at the park to be turned on and for the lavatories to be restored to working order. The group also plans to plant flowers and paint the swing sets.

Ms. Adams also announced that the NAACP will provide volunteers to supervise activities in the park this summer.

The Park Department has agreed to provide trash barrels for the cleanup crew Saturday, she said.

Fishing derby scheduled Saturday

The Blue Anchor Fishing Club will sponsor a free fishing derby Saturday at Pontoosuc Lake for children 14 and under.

Peter Whitney, chairman of the project, said registration will be from 8 to noon at JW's Lakeview Restaurant. Prizes will be donated by local sporting goods stores and the club.

May 13, 1982

Barriers are real roadblock for Fourth of July parade route

May 12, 1982

By Linda Carman

The concrete Jersey barriers dividing North Street may inconvenience and bewilder motorists and pedestrians, but they have thrown a monumental logistical monkey-wrench into the deliberations of the 4th of July Parade Committee.

"We expected to have 24 feet of road to play with," said James Brassard, publicity manager, yesterday. "Now there's about 12, and it would be difficult to get a truck down there, never mind a float."

In a last-ditch effort, Brassard said the committee will meet next week with officials of the state Department of Public Works and J.H. Maxymillian, the contracting firm that is rebuilding the North Street railroad bridge. The committee will ask if the barriers could be removed just for the parade.

Brassard acknowledged that removing the barriers would be quite an undertaking but suggested that removing only a section might allow room for the floats.

If that plea fails, he said, the committee, will have to find an alternate parade route.

That won't be easy, he said, because most routes have overhead hanging wires that would snag the 45-foot mast of the Mayflower float from George Bisacca's Eastover resort in Lenox.

Alternate routes, too, have more than two or three turns that would be difficult for floats such as Bisacca's train, Brassard said.

The committee wants to settle matters by next week so they can send out advance information to the musical units who will participate. "That's another problem," Brassard said. "Those units have 50 to 110 members, and they march six or eight abreast."

The committee discussed its problem when it met Monday at the Park Department offices. Brassard reported that the consensus was to try to keep it on North Street.

But, said Brassard, "the way it is, it just won't fit."

May 14, 1982

Public invited to see park's tulip display

The tulips in the public gardens at Springside Park will be in full bloom this weekend, and the Department of Parks and Recreation has invited the public to visit the gardens at 874 North St.

The Springside Park Greenhouse Group will hold an open house Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the greenhouse adjacent to the gardens.

Two unbeaten teams have marks on line in today's track meets

Monument Mountain will have its shot at knocking off the undefeated Pittsfield boys' track team, while Mount Anthony will take a crack at the unbeaten Wahconah girls in today's high school track action.

The Spartans' boys' and girls' teams will face PHS at Clapp Park, with the Mount Anthony girls and boys competing against Wahconah in Dalton.

The other two double girls' and boys' meets have Mount Greylock at Hoosac Valley and Drury at Taconic. The Greylock and Hoosac girls are in a three-way tie for second place with Mount Anthony behind first place Wahconah. The Mount Greylock and Mount Anthony boys both sport 4-1 marks behind PHS in the boys' league.

May 14, 1982

Fourth of July parade to follow First St. route

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For the first time in its history, the Pittsfield Fourth of July parade will proceed mostly on First Street this year instead of following the traditional North Street route.

This decision, made last night by the 15-member Fourth of July Parade Committee at Springside House, was prompted by the reconstruction of the North Street bridge.

Committee President Beverly A. Chartier said it would be impossible for the parade to pass through the construction area. North Street at Columbus Avenue is now greatly constricted by three concrete walls that funnel traffic through two narrow lanes.

Moreover, Mrs. Chartier said, the committee was informed by Dean Amidon, regional head of the state Department of Public Works, that by July 4 there will be a 40-foot open hole in the bridge on the west side of North Street, causing an immense safety problem with respect to spectators.

Also, the state has imposed a load limit of six tons for vehicles going over the bridge, and some of the floats will weigh more than that, Mrs. Chartier said.

The route decided upon by the committee will begin at the regular assembly area at East Housatonic and South streets. The parade will go north on South Street to the north side of Park Square, where it will turn right at the Berkshire County Savings Bank.

Proceeding east on East Street, the route turns left onto First Street and continues on First Street to Maplewood Avenue, where it swings left. After Maplewood Avenue, the route turns right onto North Street and joins the traditional route which ends at Wahconah Park.

Mrs. Chartier said the committee considered several other possibilities before deciding on the First Street route. One was going down East Street past the General Electric plant to Newell Street. Another was to begin either at the Allendale Shopping Center or at Benedict Road and proceed to Wahconah Park via Dalton Avenue and Tyler Street.

These alternatives were ruled out because of numerous low-hanging wires that cross both East and Tyler streets, and for other adverse factors, Mrs. Chartier said.

The parade promises to be larger than ever this year, she said. Already entered are 20 musical units — bands and drum corps — which is the most ever. Last year there were 18. There will be from 30 to 50 floats, compared to last year's 25.

The Eastover train will again be one of the attractions, although its cattle car will have to be left behind, reducing the number of cars from six to five, because of the sharper turns involved in the First Street route, Mrs. Chartier said.

Another disadvantage of the Dalton Avenue-Tyler Street and East Street routes was that a parade route must be as flat as possible, and both of those routes involve hills. Flatness is desirable, Mrs. Chartier said, so that marchers such as those pulling the Adams Alert Hose Company's old-fashioned pumper would not be unduly strained on hills.

The deadline for entering this year's parade is June 1, and no further entries will be accepted after that, Mrs. Chartier said.

MAY 26 1982



William H. Tague
Dawn Mercier

Girls Club names Miss Mercier 'Girl of Year'

Dawn Mercier, 10, daughter of Dianne Mercier of 188 Union St., has been chosen Pittsfield Girls Club "Girl of the Year." She was elected by members of the club from a slate of seven candidates.

Dawn received a two-week campership to Camp Stevenson-Witawentin and a Girls Club shirt.

A 5th grade pupil at Allendale School, Dawn is enrolled in the Girls Club's after-school youth program and participates in swimming, sewing and cooking. She will attend Crosby Middle School in the fall. She has two brothers and a sister.

Tourist booth at Park Square opens Saturday

The information booth at Park Square will open for the season at 9 a.m. Saturday. This is the 10th year the booth will be manned by volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

The hours are from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday and until 8 on Thursday and Friday nights. Sunday hours are from 10 to 1.

A room register will be available and anyone with rooms to rent to tourists may register them at the booth. The telephone number will be 442-5023.

It is planned to have the booth remain open on weekends in September and October for the fall foliage season.

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Forum set to plan July 4 carnival

The city Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. tomorrow at Springside House to continue the quest for wide community participation in the coming July 4 carnival.

The department is joining the 4th of July Parade Committee and the North End Association of Trade in an effort to stimulate the participation, says Parks Commissioner Vincent J. Hebert.

Fliers have been sent to community organizations inviting them to set up booths during the carnival to raise funds. Tomorrow's meeting has been called so that any of those or other organizations, as well as individuals, can comment on the plans or provide assistance, Hebert said.

The Park Commission will have its regular meeting afterward at 8.



Mark Mitchell

CALLING FOR BIDS, Harold T. Grandshaw auctions off a youngster's two-wheeler at yearly sale of lost and unclaimed bicycles and similar items Saturday.

JUN 7 1982



Joel Libuzzi

DISPLAY SPACE for cultural organizations is admired by Daniel M. O'Connell, director of Berkshire Artisans Community Art Center, and Steven M. Valenti, president of Pittsfield Downtown Associates.

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C. Jeffrey Cook

Jewish Center to honor Cook

C. Jeffrey Cook of 26 Morewood Drive will be the recipient of the Man of the Year Award to be presented at the Jewish Community Council's 18th annual meeting tomorrow at the Jewish Community Center.

Cook, a lawyer, has been an active member of the community since moving to Pittsfield in 1970. He has served as chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign and as president of the Jewish Community Council. He is now president of Congregation Knesset Israel.

Cook continues an active role in the council as chairman of the trustees of the Mervin Wineberg Leadership Development Foundation and chairman of the Berkshire Council of Jewish Education.

He is on the board of the Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA and has been on the boards of many civic organizations. He is the senior partner of the law firm of Cook & Shepard. He is married to the former Judith Maislen and is the father of two daughters and a son.

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Public meeting tonight on upper North St. project

A public meeting to bring residents up to date on planning for proposed reconstruction of a 1½-mile stretch of upper North Street skirting Pontoosuc Lake will be held tonight at 7:30 in the City Council chamber.

The meeting will be conducted by consultant Anderson-Nichols & Co. of Boston, which in February began the environmental review and design development phase of the project.

Anderson-Nichols has proposed widening the road to 40 feet, with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders, relocating a 1,500-foot portion of the highway onto adjoining YMCA property to smooth out a hazardous curve and realigning a section of the roadway near Broadway and Yarmouth streets into the lake by erecting a retaining wall and filling in the water.

City Traffic Engineer Samuel M. Slack said the alignment of the roadway has been "changed a little" to shorten the retaining wall but that the basic design is the same.

Tonight's session will include a discussion on whether sidewalks should be located on the lake side of Route 7 or on the opposite side of the road, according to Slack. Residents also will be asked for their opinions on the revised alignment.

Other alternatives being studied are reconstructing the road in its present configuration and softening the curve by cutting into the hill on the YMCA property across from the lake.

Slack said archaeological studies on the YMCA property are expected to begin soon and that the final environmental review package is expected to be completed by next March.

City census shows population declining for 8th straight year

Pittsfield's population slid again for the eighth straight year, according to city census figures released yesterday by the Registrars of Voters.

But Pauline M. Giacoletto, Registrars of Voters office supervisor, said she expects the count of adults to increase by about 100 over the present official figure. "They're trickling in," she said.

She explained that the census list is cross-checked against the voter registration list. Registered voters who are not located during the census are dropped from the rolls, but a notice of the impending action is first mailed to their last known address.

The result is a flurry of contacts by voters who were not at home when the census-taker came and who neglected to respond to the written call-and-be-counted request left under the door.

The city census now stands at 50,835, down 650 from last year's count of 51,485 and down 7,726 from the peak year of 1963.

The population of school-age children, those 16 years of age or under, also continues its decline. It stands at 11,703, down 360 from the previous year's 12,063, which in turn was 391 less than the prior year's figure.

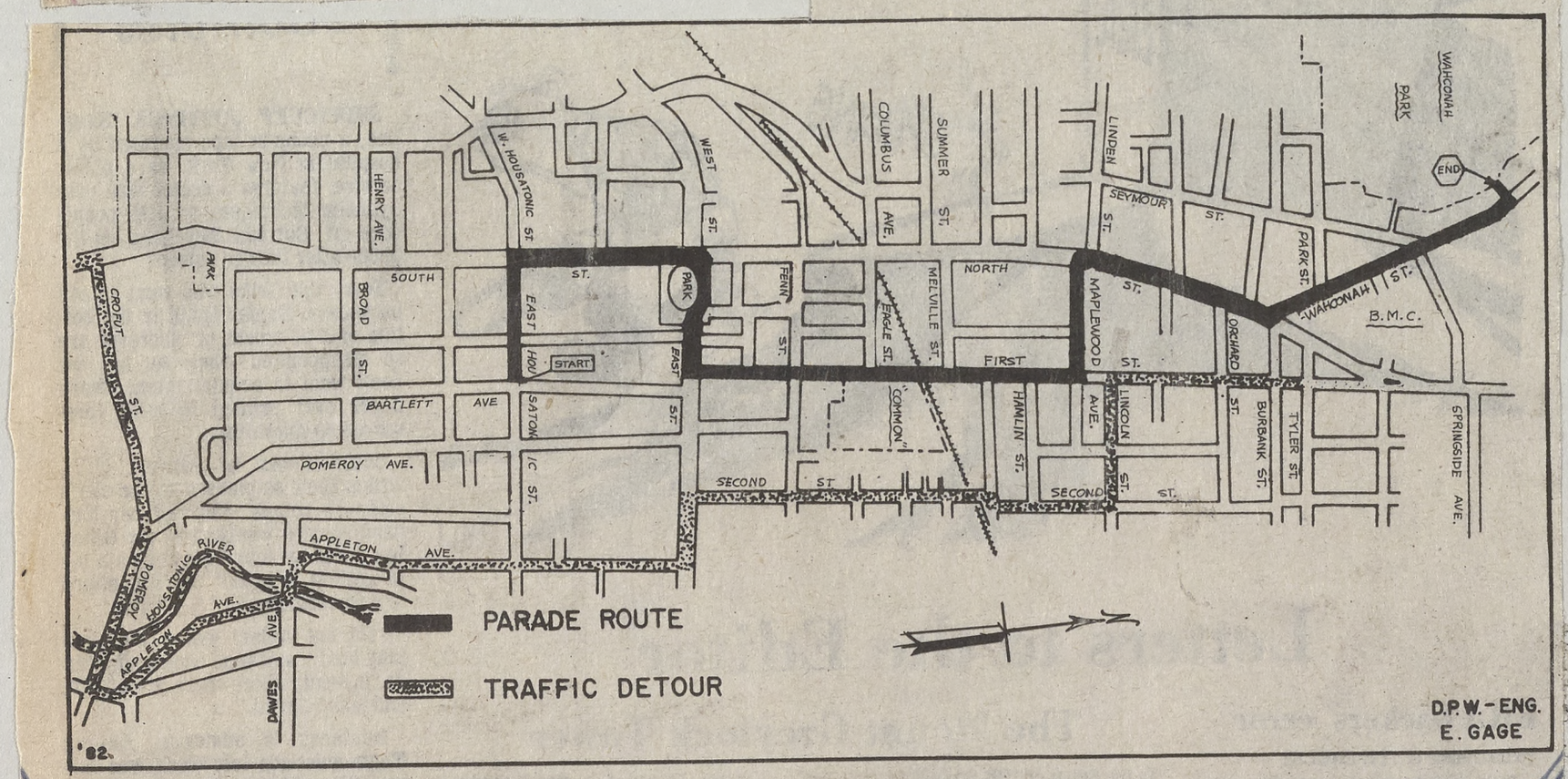
The adult population of 39,132 is 290 below the 1981 count of 39,422.

Pittsfield's city census begins in January, and the results are usually tabulated by late April or early May. But this time, Mrs. Giacoletto said, a combination of factors delayed completion.

Among them, she said, were bad weather that slowed down the census- takers and an abnormally early deluge of nomination papers turned in by candidates who plan to run for election in November. Work on the census had to stop, she said, in order to certify the signatures on nomination petitions.

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Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Friday, July 2, 1982



PARADE ROUTE is shown on the above map. Starting point will be at East Housatonic Street and Bartlett Avenue. During the parade there will be no parking on First and Second streets and no parking on either side of North Street from the Maplewood Avenue-Linden Street intersection to Wahconah Park. Parade officials suggest that for off-street parking, parade viewers use downtown municipal lots except for the Willis Street lot on East Street.

Arlos to request more enforcement of public drinking law

At-large City Councilor Peter G. Arlos said yesterday he will ask the Pittsfield Police Department to step up enforcement of the city ordinance against public drinking of alcoholic beverages.

In a written statement to the press, Arlos said "Pittsfield seems to be ignoring its ordinance." As a result, he added, "parks and parking lots are filling with empty beer cans and bottles and people are beginning to complain."

The City Council passed the ordinance against public drinking eight years ago, and many other communities, including the city of Boston, have since passed similar laws, Arlos said. "The only difference," he asserted, "is that these other communities are enforcing their ordinances," while Pittsfield is not.

According to a Police Department spokesman, however, the law is enforced in Pittsfield "within reason."

"Our policy is to enforce it, but you understand it's a difficult ordinance to enforce," Sgt. Gerald Lee said. "If we arrested everyone who violated that ordinance at the Fourth of July parade, we would have arrested 10,000 people."

"When it makes sense to enforce it, we do," Lee said. "But vigorous enforcement isn't always practical."

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PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR
1982-1983

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TOTAL — 185 days

*Dismissal at noon

September 7 — Teacher Orientation

Includes 5 days for emergency weather conditions. If these days are not used, schools will close on June 16 (noon dismissal) depending on the outcome of negotiations.

AUG 4 1982

Area sports

AUG 23 1982

Mauro, DeAngelus take Seniors' honors

GOLF TOURNAMENTS: Joe Mauro and Archie DeAngelus of Wahconah Country Club at Dalton were the winners of the top season honors at the close of the final Berkshire County Senior Golf Association golf tournament Thursday at Wyantenuck Country Club at Great Barrington. Mauro was medalist of the day with a gross of 72. He also captured the C Division association trophy with a gross of 220 for the three tournaments conducted during the season. His score was the low gross for all four divisions.

DeAngelus won the W.E.D. Stokes trophy with the net score of 210 for the season. He took the A Division's Joe Morrill trophy with a total gross of 225.

Gene Andrew of the Berkshire Hills Country Club took the total gross honors in the B Division with 240 to win the Don Linscott trophy, and George Torrey of the Worthington Country Club was the recipient of the D Division trophy with 280.

Golfers 55 years of age and over who are members of an Allied Golf Club are eligible for membership in the senior association. Applications for next year may be obtained by writing to secretary Jack Franklin, 193 High St., Dalton.

Winners in the final tournament were:

A Division (55-61 years of age)

Gross- 1. Hank Valenti, North Adams CC, 76; 2. Chuck Baumann, Wahconah CC, 76.

Net — 1. Paul Allyn, Wahconah, 65; 2. Joe Barry, Wyantenuck, 65; 3. Charles Stone, Berkshire Hills, 66; 4. John Miller, Stockbridge, 66.

B Division (62-68 years of age)

Gross — George Bartlett, Worthington, 75; 2. Mirch Boraski, Berkshire Hills, 78.

Net - 1. DeVer Little, Taconic GC, 64; 2. Toots Iemolini, Stockbridge, 66; 3. Frank Dolson, Stockbridge, 67; 4. Murray Tracy, Wyantenuck, 68.

C Division (69-75 years of age)

Gross — 1. Bill King, Wyantenuck, 73; 2. Bill Beacco, Stockbridge, 77; 3. Bill Davis, Greenock, 81.

Net — 1. John Consolati, Greenock, 62; 2. Alex Young, Pittsfield, 64; 3. Dan Bernheim, Wahconah, 65; 4. George Wellspeak, Greenock, 65.

D Division (76 years and over)

Gross — 1. Art Rolland, Worthington, 98; 2. Harold Weirich, North Adams, 111.

Net — 1. John Ransden, Taconic, 81.

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SAILING: Bruce Patterson of West Hartford, Conn., with Brian Bachner of Port Washington, N.Y. as crew, won the Flying Junior Northeast Regional Championship regatta in competition Saturday and Sunday at Stockbridge Bowl. A total of 11 boats from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Delaware competed in the event. The races were sponsored by the Beachwood Sailing Organization.

Three races were sailed Saturday and two more were held Sunday. Patterson, who placed fifth in this year's Flying Junior nationals in Little Rock, Ark., had three firsts and a fourth in gaining this weekend's northeast title.

Pat Valiasek of Beachwood, with her son Barry as crew, placed second while David Bernstein of Beachwood, with his father, Donald, as crew, placed third.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER: The Pittsfield High boys' soccer team will begin formal tryouts and practice next Monday, Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. at Sackett Brook Park, head coach Al Belanger has announced.

All players interested in trying out for this year's varsity or jayvee teams should report at that time.

Players must have had a physical before that date to begin practice. Also, said Belanger, all interested candidates, especially incoming freshmen, should contact one of the team captains before the first workout to notify them of their intentions to try out.

The team captains are Bob Cleary of 145 Bartlett Ave., Paul Malatesta of 71 Bishop Parkway, and John McCaffrey of 112 Stratford Ave.

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Council opposes manager idea but backs some govt. changes

By Judy Katz

A city councilor's observation that "everything in Pittsfield is a hassle" was borne out last night as the City Council reached an informal preliminary consensus on several charter change proposals.

The straw votes that punctuated the two-hour, debate-filled session went 9-1 against changing to a city manager form of government, 7-3 in favor of a four-year term for mayor instead of the present two years, 9-1 in favor of retaining the present two-year term for city councilors, 8-2 in favor of filling Council and mayoral vacancies according to the committee's recommendations and 8-2 in favor — in principle only, with no dollars attached — of raising the salary of mayor.

The straw votes were the suggestion of Ward 4 Councilor Mary E. Ausman. She tossed out the idea when the Council seemed hopelessly mired in debate on the method of filling vacancies — the first item discussed. Former mayor Donald G. Butler, a Charter Review Commission member, had remarked during that debate, "We're already going around the mulberry bush. Stick to the issue or we'll be here next Tuesday."

The absent member was Ward 5 Councilor Francis A. Chichetto Jr.

Mayoral aide

The Council also voted unanimously to allow the mayor one high-level assistant who would not need to be confirmed by the Council. But in the context of the debate, that was more acceptance of the status quo than a nod for the Charter Review Commission recommendation (which could have involved creating a new job). The mayor, Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi pointed out, now has the sole power to appoint the commissioner of community and economic development.

The thorny money questions — how much the mayor's salary should be raised, whether future increases should be taken out of the hands of the Council and whether Council salaries should be increased — were shipped off to the Council's Finance Committee.

Stracuzzi immediately set a Finance Committee meeting for 6 p.m. on Sept. 16, to be followed by a second special Council meeting at 7:30 to complete discussion of the Charter Review Commission report.

The words, "Council salaries" were never uttered last night. But when At-large Councilor Joseph W. Ryan moved to send the mayor's salary to committee, he and the other councilors agreed to send "the entire compensation package."

First issue

At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, who has promised to resign his Council seat next January, asked that the question of filling vacancies be handled first.

The Commission recommendation calls for avoiding special elections by allowing the runner-up to take a Council seat vacated mid-term, as long as the runner-up won at least 40 percent of the vote. In multiple candidate elimination races, such as those for School Committee or at-large councilor, the runner-up would need to have come within at least 10 percent of the candidate who edged him or her out.

If no one qualified, the Council and mayor could make an interim appointment.

Arlos fought the percentage requirement, insisting that the next highest vote-getter, without qualifications, get the seat. If that candidate could not serve, he said, the vacancy should remain.

Mrs. Ausman argued that "pulling in the loser is a serious mistake," and Mayor Charles L. Smith and Ward 6 Councilor Wilbert N. Stockton also supported the present special-election system.

Mrs. Ausman was the only councilor to support the city manager form of government as recommended by the commission. Stockton said he had originally favored a city manager and personally still liked the idea. But people he had spoken to want a mayor, he said, and "I'm one who has always supported the wishes of the people."

Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever said that for a city manager system to work, "you need a strong non-political City Council." That, he said, means it would not work here.

At-large City Councilor James R. McCaffrey also declared that it wouldn't work here. "Just look at the track record. Everything in Pittsfield is a hassle."

RUGBY: The Berkshire Rugby Football Club opened its fall season with losses to a tough Concord Rugby Club Saturday at Concord, N.H. Berkshire lost the A side contest 18-4. Berkshire's B side, the Buzzards, were defeated 14-3. Eric Gurney made the only score for the A side with a try late in the game.

Berkshire's next game will be its home opener Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. against the West Hartford (Conn.) Yahoos. The local club's home field this year is at Sackett Brook Park. The public will be welcome at no charge.

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Name in the News

SEP 18 1982

A man with models

William J. Angelo rested his heels on the Pittsfield commissioner of community development's desk, leaned back in the cushioned executive chair and attributed getting there to hard work, good luck and "knowing the right people."

But Angelo, 37, who confines his wheeling to his 11-month-old daughter Lisa's stroller and his dealing to the Italian card game "scopa," wasn't boasting of powerful political contacts. The newly named successor to Janet L. Goldberg in one of the most visible, demanding and potentially powerful offices in the city was paying tribute to men who had inspired him.

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Heading Angelo's list of "right people" is Werner E. Elsberg, director of Berkshire Training and Employment Program (BTEP), the county CETA office. When Angelo decided to chuck a junior management position at Filene's in Boston and come home to Pittsfield, jobless, in 1977, friends seeking a CETA grant asked him to write the project proposal. It was accepted and Angelo was hired under CETA to administer the project. That led by stages to a slot as job developer.

"I did very well at that," he said. Elsberg, who praises his protegee's ability to think on his feet and deliver whatever he promises, clearly agreed.

He picked Angelo to head BTEP's internal monitoring staff. And when the funding crunch that eventually shrank BTEP's staff loomed in 1980, Elsberg directed Angelo to the lifeboat. He encouraged him to seek the contract compliance officer's job in the Office of Community and Economic Development.

"Intelligence, breadth and depth of knowledge, an engaging personality, a great administrator, a compassionate administrator — Werner has got it all," Angelo said. "Werner is the man I would most want to emulate.



Joel Librizzi

William J. Angelo

A sense of community

"The thing about Werner I really like is the management style, the way he does business, okay. When you're in the presence of someone like that you really feel very good all the time, okay, and you want to listen to them, watch what they do. Every now and then I stop and think, how would Werner approach this?"

Angelo's own style is soft-spoken, almost serene. He calls himself "a systems man," declaring that "if you're organized, if you have a goal, you can do almost anything."

Angelo is an untiring plugging-away tortoise rather than a spurting and halting hare. An earnestness in his manner makes it easy to imagine him reciting the Scout creed and meaning every word. But the earnestness is pierced unexpectedly by rollicking good humor and a smile that radiates the pure delight usually seen only on the faces of children under the age of 3.

He takes delight in simple things — old friends, home, his daughter, his wife of two years, the former Lois Geremonte. He recalls with deep satisfaction that as contract compliance officer he handled street reconstruction in the Lake Street-Pond Street neighborhood where he grew up.

From Pittsfield High School, Angelo went to the newly created Berkshire Community College in 1962. It was, he said, "a very exciting place to be — a great staff, great rapport, a very talented class."

The contrast was too great when he went on to what he describes as "very staid" North Adams State College. He didn't like it, flunked out, reported for the draft and was recruited into the Coast Guard.

His four years as a Coast Guard photographer in Honolulu were warmed, he said, by the chance to watch, listen to and learn from "the only man I could think of similar to Werner, Capt. Walter Curwin."

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A buyer's job with posh I. Magnin's in San Francisco launched Angelo on a retailing career. But he felt an overwhelming urge to be closer to his roots.

Joining Filene's brought him as close as Boston. He earned his bachelor's degree at Boston State College in 1975 while working full time. His master's degree from Antioch College Institute of Open Education would follow, with Elsberg's encouragement, in 1980.

But Filene's was no I. Magnin. And while he enjoyed retailing, Angelo said, "there is a sense of community that has to be satisfied, too," and for him that could only be satisfied in Pittsfield.

"I feel good about Pittsfield," he said. "This is my home."

Anthony Sacchetti named new director of RSVP

Anthony M. Sacchetti, who was manager of the 1888 Shop for 20 years, is being appointed executive director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) by Mayor Charles L. Smith.

Sacchetti, who lost his job when the 1888 Shop went out of business recently, was the unanimous first choice of the search committee the mayor had set up to give him recommendations for appointment.

The committee used a scoring system that gave the candidates marks in each of a number of categories. The winner was determined by adding up the scores. There had been 29 applications.

Sacchetti will replace Mary Jones, who announced her intent to resign in July.

"If you know Tony, you know he's a super guy to work with the elderly," Smith said. "He fits that job like a glove."

RSVP, which is funded 70 percent by the federal government and 30 percent by local government, works with more than 200 elderly volunteers. They man the Park Square information booth and perform services at places like the City Hall, library and hospitals.

The mayor said the salary is in the $16,500 to $17,000 range.

Sacchetti is a 1949 graduate of Pittsfield High School. He has been active in the local United Cerebral Palsy Association and is its first vice president. He is past venerable of the Order of the Sons of Italy, Itam Lodge 564. In 1976 he ran for register of deeds but was eliminated in the primary. Sacchetti is married to the former Dolores R. Controy of Pittsfield.

The members of the search committee were Vincent J. Hebert and Emile Jalbert of the RSVP Advisory Board; Ralph J. Froio, head of the Council on Aging; Nicholas Sarro, city auditor; Lawrence A. Grizey Jr., city personnel officer and James R. McCaffrey, a city councilor.

SEP 18 1982

Alan Robertson installed head of Civitan Club

Alan Robertson was installed president of the Civitan Club at the annual installation and awards meeting Tuesday at the Stanley Club.

Others to take office were Ms. Marlene Gaylord, president-elect; Robert Grunow, vice president, and Dale Larow, secretary-treasurer.

Named directors were Robert Disco, Ronald Estabrook, William Irwin and outgoing President Thomas Wallace.

Theodore Arnold of Windsor, Conn., Civitan lieutentant governor, and New England district Governor-elect Joseph Ross of Springfield conducted the candlelight ceremony.

Frank K. Dowsett was presented the honor key, the highest award a club can bestow on a member, by Albert Walger, awards chairman. Mr. Dowsett received the award for his contributions to the club and community service since 1965. He twice was club president, district lieutenant governor for one year and awarded the distinguished president's award at the international convention last July in Montreal, Canada.

James McKenna, president of the Pittsfield West Little League, presented Civitan with a trophy in recognition of the Civitan-sponsored team that became the Little League city champions in 1982.

Robert Conklin, a Berkshire Community College student, was presented a $150 college fund award.

Ms. Barbara Donovan, who represented the Berkshire County Special Olympics committee, presented Mr. Wallace with a plaque in appreciation of the club's help and financial aid to retarded citizens during the sporting events this year.

Bruce Grunow installed a new member.

OCT 2 1982

Rugby club

RUGBY: The fourth annual Berkshire Rugby Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16, at Sackett Brook Park off Williams Street in Pittsfield.

The tournament will be hosted by the Berkshire Rugby Football Club, and will be sponsored by Michelob Beer and Gilardi Distributors.

Visiting teams in the tournament will include the Coast Guard Academy, Williams College, two squads from Albany, one from Worcester and one from Rhinebeck, N.Y.

The tournament is slated to start at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day, culminating in the finals, which are scheduled for 3:30.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to establish a trust fund geared toward the local club's eventual purchase or leasing of a rugby field.

OCT 8 1982

Rally set today at Park Square on arms freeze

The Berkshire Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign will sponsor a rally today from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the northeast corner of Park Square in Pittsfield.

The purpose of the rally is to urge the state Legislature to put a bilateral nuclear freeze resolution on the November ballot, according to Paul "Tim" Walter Jr., co-director of the campaign. The Legislature is slated to reconvene today.

After the Park Square rally, which will feature an 18-foot model of a cruise missile, freeze supporters will drive to Boston for a noon rally at the Boston Common, Walter said.

The freeze resolution — which calls for the United States and Soviet Union to negotiate an immediate, mutual halt to the testing, production and deployment of all nuclear arms — is already on the November ballot in eight states. In primaries this month, 76 percent of Wisconsin voters and 80 percent of Austin, Texas, voters favored it. In Berkshire County, 22 communities passed it in annual town meetings this spring, and the City Councils of Pittsfield and North Adams have endorsed it.

SEP 20 1982

Govt.-study team arrives here

A team of management experts from the Washington, D.C., consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick & Paget descended upon City Hall yesterday and began their $84,000 four-month study of city government organization and management.

The study, which will cover all departments except the Police and School, was approved by Mayor Charles L. Smith and the City Council Aug. 13. Cresap, McCormick & Paget stated when it was seeking the contract that it will probably come up with recommendations that, if implemented, could save Pittsfield between $500,000 and $1 million.

Mayor Charles L. Smith has circulated a notice to all city employees asking them to cooperate with the team of consultants and to provide whatever suggestions or information they believe might aid the study.

SEP 23 1982

GE shutdown to be 3 weeks next summer

General Electric's power transformer plant here will shut down for three weeks next summer instead of two.

The company said that the extended shutdown was tied to business needs, as well as to "the overwhelming preference of most employees for summer vacations . . ."

The decision to close the factory longer than normal in the summer appeared to be another in a series of moves that have been made to compensate for the reduced demand for transformers.

GE said it expects the three-week period to be a "total shutdown," with only essential activities scheduled.

The shutdown will start July 1 and employees will return to work July 24.

Ordnance systems will shut down for two weeks beginning July 11. Plastics will tie its shutdown to customers' schedules, the company said, and has not yet announced its shutdown schedule.

SEP 25 1982

50 Years Ago

The second annual military requiem mass, a parade without music, brief but impressive ceremonies at the Soldiers' Monument in Memorial Park and the sending out of the first beams from the Greylock Memorial Beacon marked the local observance of the 14th Armistice Day.

NOV 11 1982

25 Years Ago

Dr. Gerald L. Haidak of 377 Pomeroy Ave. received a $2,500 U.S. Public Health Service grant for research in lung cancer. An active surgeon at Pittsfield General and St. Luke's hospitals, he was on the faculty at Albany Medical College of Union University.

Frigid weather kept the crowds along North and South streets to a minimum as the Veterans Day parade filed past. Robert F. Boure opened the ceremonies at Memorial Park and acted as master of ceremonies.

NOV 11 1982

Beverly Chartier re-elected July 4 parade president

Beverly A. Chartier of 101 Lakeway Drive has been re-elected president of the Pittsfield 4th of July Parade Committee. Guy A. Pellegrinelli Jr. and Bruce E. Desoe were elected vice presidents; Kate Henry, secretary, and David Cohen, treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were James L. Brassard, Ray Pulver, Margaret Rice, William Guzzo, Philip Messer, Karen Vuillemot, William N. Boos, and Eugene Martello.

Subcommittee chairmen are Pellegrinelli, floats; Pulver and Messer, music; Ms. Vuillemot, marchers; Desoe, military, veterans organizations and antique cars; Guzzo, fire companies; Ms. Henry, information booths; Vincent Herbert and Louis Russo, assembly area; Carol Pulber, disassembly area; Cohen, reviewing stand; Ms. Rice, dignitaries; Boos, communications; Ms. Chartier, banners; Brassard and Martello, finance and public relations; Ms. Rice, fundraising; Sgt. Gary Crippa, police liaison.

The parade committee is a group of volunteers who plan and stage the annual parade and raise the funds to finance it. This year's expenses amounted to $22,637. The group is planning to conduct several fund-raising events throughout the year to defray the cost of the parade and associated events. This year's Precision and Pageantry '82 Drum Corp Show realized a profit of $3,457.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Springside House on North Street. The committee is seeking the participation of area residents as well as groups and organizations to assist with the 1983 parade and associated events. If you are interested in offering your support you may contact Ms. Chartier, 101 Lakeway Drive, or attend this meeting.

NOV 30 1982

Veterans Day ceremonies focus on Vietnam War

By Debra DiMassimo

Prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action since the Vietnam War were remembered during yesterday's Veterans Day parade and ceremony in Pittsfield with the appearance for the first time of two black flags emblazoned with the words "You are not forgotten."

At the urging of Vietnam veteran Frank Crowther of the American Legion, organizers decided the night before the traditional observances to include the flags in the color guard. The flags, which bear silhouettes of the bowed head of a soldier with a guard tower in the background, were carried by Crowther and Theodore Cahill of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Yesterday's ceremony, held under cloudy skies at Memorial Park on South Street, drew about 150. The observances were proclaimed a "Salute to Vietnam Veterans" by Mayor Charles L. Smith.

Marchers, including members of veterans' groups, Scouts, Army and Navy personnel, bands from Pittsfield, Taconic and New Lebanon high schools and the PHS Cadettes, convened at the park after a 20-minute parade down North and South streets that attracted several hundred spectators.

The main speaker was George R. Bird of Dalton, a Vietnam veteran who also served in Korea, Germany and Greenland. Describing the Vietnam conflict as a "hard war to come home from and an even harder war to look back upon," Bird said many veterans "are still suffering the ravages of their wounds and many still have the cloud of Agent Orange hanging over their heads.

"What's going to come out of that cloud, no one knows."

Bird also said the government cannot solve one of the chief problems faced by Vietnam veterans: "the lack of the full respect and honor" of their countrymen.

"In the past, those who fought had the support of their country when they fought and when they came home," Bird observed. "Returning veterans from other wars came home with their buddies and were welcomed by grateful throngs."

Parade marshal Roland E. Nichols of Housatonic, president of the Berkshire County chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, said he would be traveling to Washington, D.C., for the dedication Saturday of the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which bears the names of the 57,939 Americans killed during the war.

"I hope Saturday will be the first step in the homecoming we've been waiting for for so long," Nichols said.

Mayor Smith also spoke briefly, and Robert Rhodes, vice commander of Legion Post 68 was master of ceremonies.

The Eagles Band provided musical accompaniment for the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."



Joel Librizzi

MAIN SPEAKER at Memorial Park ceremonies following the Veterans Day parade was George R. Bird of Dalton.

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Harold Grandshaw dies at 62; was manager of city's buildings

Harold T. Grandshaw, 62, Pittsfield's superintendent of public buildings for the past 18 years, died of a heart attack late yesterday morning while hunting in the woods of southeast Tyringham.

According to Natural Resource Officer Thomas C. Kasprzak, hunting companions of Grandshaw applied cardiopulmonary resuscitation to no avail. He was taken to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington in the Lee ambulance. At the hospital, Dr. Harold Sherman pronounced death due to coronary arrest.

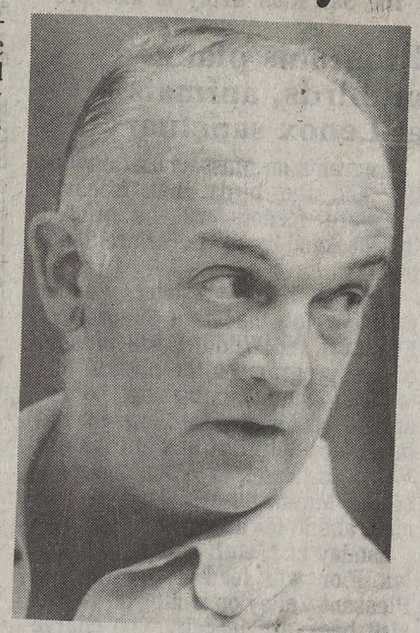
As building superintendent, Grandshaw was in charge of maintenance, repair and whatever else needed doing for some 128 city-owned buildings, including all of the schools.

Regarded as a highly competent, aggressive expert in his field, he constantly strove not only to maintain the city's properties in top condition but to accomplish this without excessive spending. On numerous occasions he succeeded in carrying out projects far below cost estimates. He instituted energy conservation programs that saved the city many thousands of dollars.

Originally appointed by Mayor Robert B. Dillon in 1964, Grandshaw remained superintendent under five subsequent mayors.

Before taking the city job, he spent 14 years working for the Quirico Construction Co. and four years before that as an employee of the Petricca Construction Co.

During World War II, he served two years in the Army in the Philippines, and then spent 10 years in the Navy with its construction arm, the Seabees, attaining the rank of chief petty officer.



Harold T. Grandshaw

He became a reservist in the Seabees in 1955. In May 1968, he was called to active duty and sent to Vietnam. His war service there ended when he suffered a back injury the following spring and was returned to the United States for a disc operation at Chelsea Naval Hospital. His unit was deactivated in July 1969 and he received the Navy's Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Born in Pittsfield, the son of Isabella Riddle Grandshaw and the late Harold E. Grandshaw, he was a graduate of Pittsfield High School, where he was a first-string halfback in football. He also swam the 220-yard freestyle on the Boys' Club varsity swimming team.

He and his wife, the former Lucille A. Granger, to whom he was married 41 years, lived at 61 Demont Ave. in a house he built.

He was a communicant of Notre Dame Church and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Besides his wife and his mother, of Pittsfield, he leaves two sons, H. Thomas Grandshaw Jr. and Eric J. Grandshaw of Pittsfield; two daughters, Carleen A. Scott of Stephentown, N.Y., and Erin G. Martin of Pittsfield, and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Dery Funeral Home will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Harold T. Grandshaw Memorial Fund in care of Notre Dame Church or the funeral home.

DEC 8 1982



Mark Mitchell

Peace message

DEC 20 1982

Advocates of nuclear-weapons freeze between the United States and Soviet Union staged one and one-half hour vigil in Park Square yesterday afternoon. The protest, under sponsorship of the Pittsfield Student Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War (STOP) was the third of three Sunday vigils this month sponsored by area peace organizations.

DEC 31 1982

Drop Civil Service, say Smith, Stracuzzi

DEC 31 1982

By Grier Horner

Mayor Charles L. Smith said yesterday he is going to seek Pittsfield's withdrawal from the state Civil Service system, and he drew immediate support from City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi.

Both officials were upset with Civil Service in the wake of a continuing controversy over appointments to the Fire Department. The mayor appointed five local men from a Civil Service list and the Council confirmed their appointment. But two days later Civil Service said the mayor under a recent law had to appoint three laid-off North Adams firefighters instead.

At the same time as he came out yesterday for dropping Civil Service, the mayor attacked state Rep. Thomas Lussier, D-Pittsfield, who has argued the city knew about the law protecting firemen who lose their jobs to Proposition 2½ but ignored it.

The mayor denied he knew about the law.

"I don't know what Tom Lussier's game is, but he's not trying to protect the residents of Pittsfield," Smith said. "Apparently what he's trying to do is protect Civil Service, and that disturbs me."

Lussier last night said Smith's comments weren't constructive. He stood by his statement that Fire Chief Joseph W. Coy had talked to him about how to avoid appointing the North Adams firemen and said both the city and Civil Service were at fault. "Unfortunately, the ones getting hurt are not the ones who made the mistakes but the five firemen," Lussier said.

Smith said yesterday he had been planning to seek Pittsfield's removal from Civil Service anyway. But this incident further shook his confidence in the Civil Service bureaucracy, he said, and triggered his decision to act now.

"City employees are already well-protected by unions," the mayor said, "and in my opinion no longer need the protection of Civil Service too."

Among the objectives of setting up Civil Service in the first place was to shield city workers from removal when administrations change and to set standards of competency for holding city jobs. The mayor contends that those objectives can now be met at the local level.

Not the first

Pittsfield would not be the first city to withdraw from the state's Civil Service system. The way to start withdrawal, the mayor said, would be to ask the City Council to seek special state legislation.

Stracuzzi said, "I intend to do my part to convince the City Council."

The Council leader said he viewed the action as another step in returning control to the city.

He said that it will require study to examine all the ramifications. "We want to have all the ducks in a row so that everyone is covered and protected when we move," Stracuzzi said.

The mayor said that had he known of the requirement to appoint the three North Adams men, he would have made no appointments. He said that he appointed the five local men only in order to give them a shot at becoming permanent firefighters later. He said that because of budget restrictions he probably would have been able to keep them on the force for only 30 to 90 days.

Smith said he had received a list from Civil Service that did not include the North Adams men. Two days after he made the appointment, he said, Civil Service sent him the list including the North Adams men and "threatened" him with severe penalties if he didn't rescind the five appointments and name the three instead.

If Coy knew about the law that would require the North Adams appointments beforehand, he did not tell him about it, Smith said, adding that the chief does not try to interfere in the appointment process.

JAN 16 1982



Double Take

The old camera ploy is employed by a clever lad to make points with bubbly duo at Pontoosuc Lake's "muscle beach."

Pontoosuc committee will meet Feb. 9

The Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Springside House to make final plans for a meeting for lake property owners and city officials to be held Feb. 25 at Itam Lodge.

The group will discuss how to solicit funds from lake property owners interested in having their beach areas chemically treated for weed control this year.

Park Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert told the Park Commission Monday that only $3,000 in state funds is available for the chemical treatment this year and so the treatment will be limited to specific areas of the lake.

FEB 2 1982

nesday, Feb. 24, 1982

Pontoosuc weeds to be topic

An informational meeting to discuss the management of Pontoosuc Lake in general and the weed problem in particular will be held Thursday at 7:30 at the Itam Lodge, the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee has announced.

Committee Chairman Mario DeMartino said the group is seeking direction from lake property owners on what role the advisory organization should take in the future.

He said the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has no funds available this year for weed control and that only $3,000 is left in the county weed-control budget.

DeMartino is exploring the idea of establishing a countywide lake association to deal with problems common to all lakes, such as water quality, water level and weed management. He has invited representatives of other Berkshire lake groups to attend the meeting.

State Sen. Peter C. Webber, R-Great Barrington, and state representatives also have been invited to the meeting, DeMartino said.

Main speaker will be Robert Munyon of the Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds Associations. He will discuss how a lake association is formed and how such associations can improve their lakes.

Other speakers will be environmental planner Robert Spencer of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission and Gary N. Parker and James Wesoloski of the federal Soil Conservation Service.

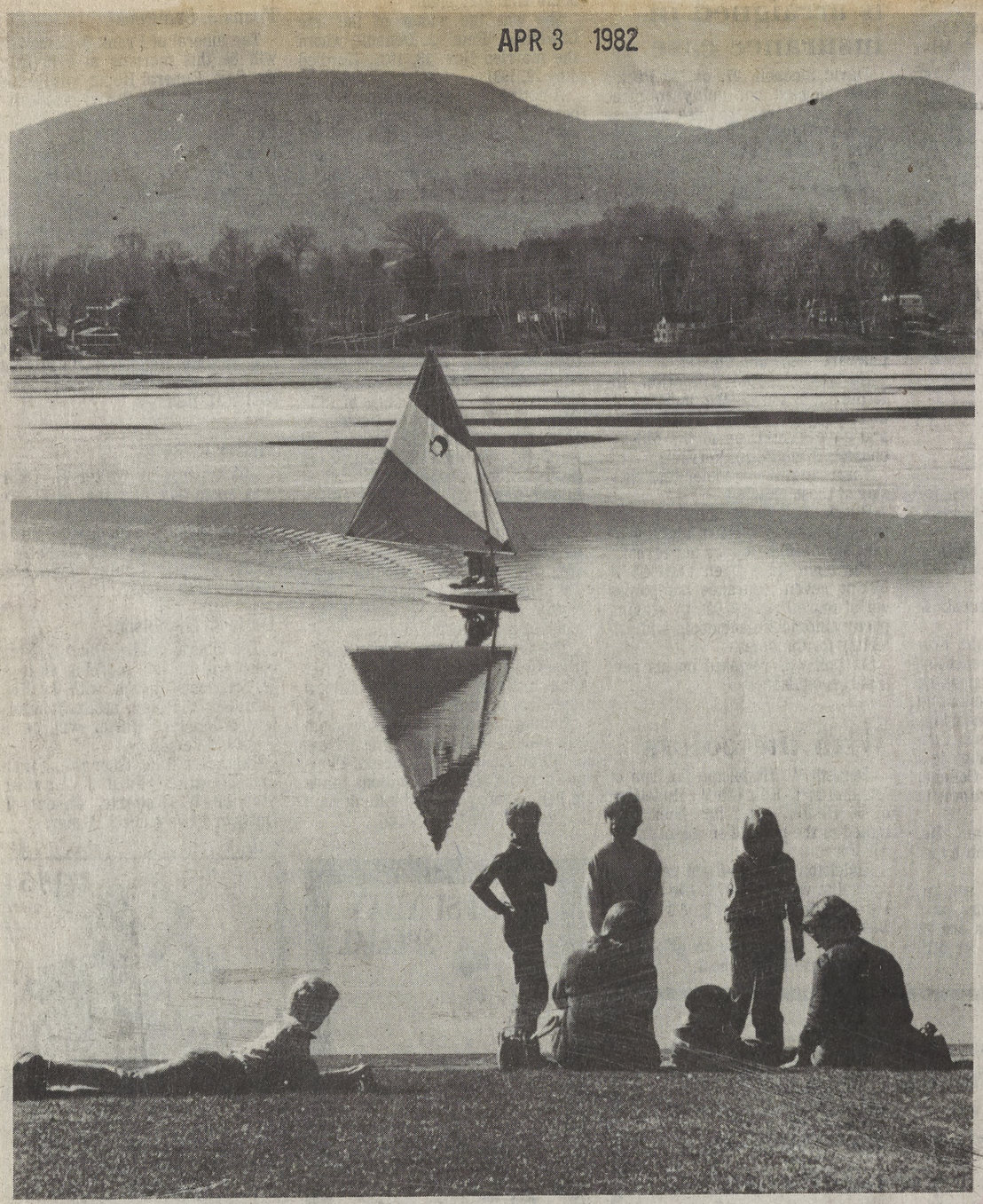
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Mark Mitchell

SPRING SPRANG Saturday at 5:56 p.m. and the Berkshires had springlike weather, at least for that day. John Goddeau, age 16, of 25 Emerson Ave. went fishing at Pontoosuc Lake. Warmer weather may return tomorrow or Wednesday.

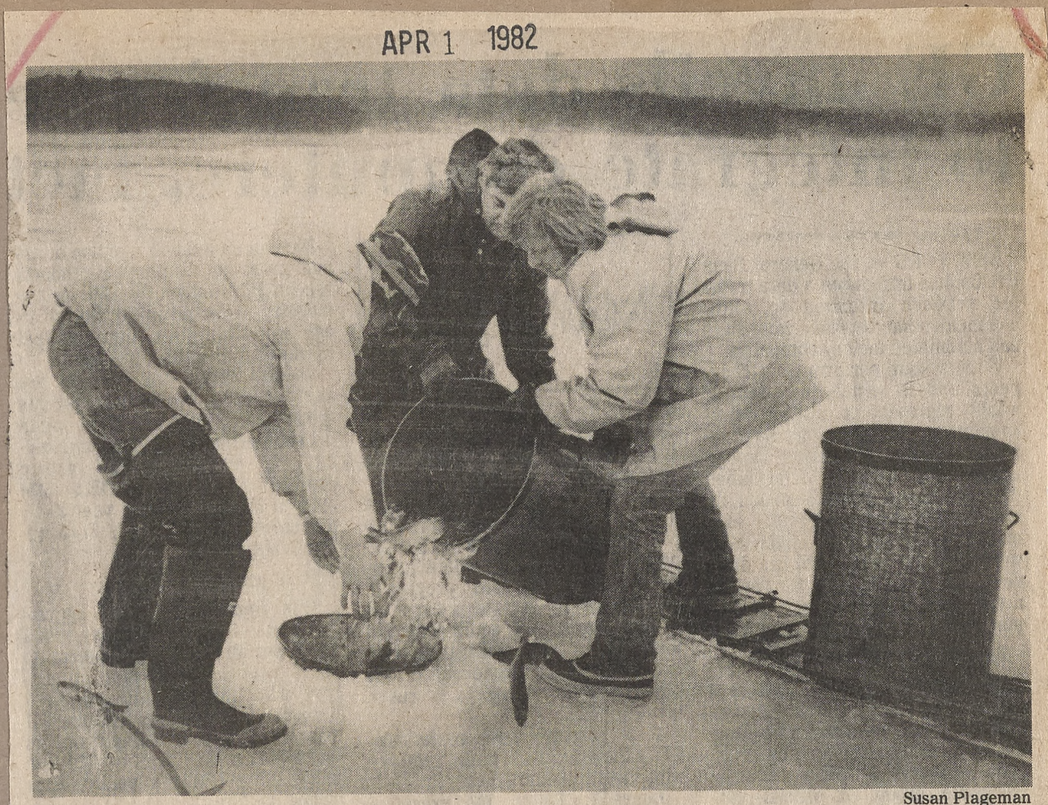
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Between Seasons

The ice will be going out of Pontoosuc Lake before long. It had only partly melted when this scene occurred in April 1978. Spring hasn't really sprung in the Berkshires until the lakes have lost their ice.

APR 1 1982



Susan Plageman

THOUSAND TROUT go into Onota Lake. Doing the stocking are Leo M. Daly, western district fisheries manager, center; Jerry Shampang, left, and David St. James.

Spring trout stocking begins

Hatchery trucks are rolling in the Berkshires this week as the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife begins its spring stocking of trout in lakes and ponds.

Stocking started Tuesday at Greenwater Pond, Becket, where a crew from western district headquarters on Hubbard Avenue in Pittsfield cut holes through 2½ feet of ice to release 1,000 rainbow trout measuring 9 inches plus.

Onota Lake was stocked yesterday, also with 1,000 rainbow, 9 inches plus, and Laurel Lake in Lee is scheduled to get 700 rainbows today, 9 inches plus, as well as 600 brown trout, 6 to 9 inches. Lakes Buel, Monterey, and New Marlboro will be stocked tomorrow with 1,000 rainbow trout measuring 9 inches plus.

Leo M. Daly, western district fisheries manager, said the district, which comprises Berkshire County and 20 towns in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties, has been allotted 170,375 trout, 24,125 less than last year.

Statewide allotments total 794,000, down 106,000 from a year ago. Budget-cutting due to Proposition 2½ has been cited as one of the reasons for the reduction in hatchery production.

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Deweeding starts next Thursday at Pontoosuc

MAY 29 1982

By Dorothy W. Chapman

A three-day weed kill effort will be undertaken at Pontoosuc Lake next week starting Thursday morning, according to William S. Enser Jr., director of Berkshire Enviro-Labs, who is working in conjunction with the County Commissioners.

The sections being treated will be closed for swimming and fishing for three days, and then will be reopened Sunday morning Enser said.

The areas to be concentrated on are the Lanesboro and Pittsfield public beaches, the Narragansett Avenue park, the city boat ramp and channel, 11 boat paths around the periphery of the lake and one boat path between the southern island and YMCA's Ponterril.

Enser said that while the lake will be officially closed in the areas of treatment, those with private shoreline cottages may swim starting on Saturday.

The work, at a cost of $7,200, will be done by Allied Biological Control of Waltham.

Liquid and pellet

Chemicals to be used are Aquathol-K, which is a liquid, and 2,4-D, a pellet. Enser said neither of the chemicals is harmful to aquatic life when applied under Environmental Protection Agency and public health regulations.

He said the Pontoosuce Lake Advisory Committee is aware of the chemical treatment plans, as are Pittsfield and Lanesboro municipal officials, some of whom serve on the advisory board.

The chemicals are designed to kill two aquatic plants, milfoil and crispus, which have already begun to grow this season.

The County Commissioners plan to take a boat around the lake after the treatment has been administered to see what effect the treatment has had on the weed growth.

Enser said residents along the shore can help by raking out some of the dead weeds from their portion of the shoreline.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Commission, Enser described an experimental project he'll be conducting at the end of June or early July in the Bull Hill Road cove area.

Essentially, he said he will be screening off with polyethylene six separate 10-by-10-foot sections in shallow water out far enough not to interfere with shoreline fishing. Those areas will be treated with aluminum sulphate (alum). "It's an attempt to use chemicals to absorb phosphorus in the sediment and make it unavailable for the growth of weeds," Enser said.

He said he will be examining the experimental project once a month and expects to have it in place until after the annual drawdown in late September or early October.

In a related matter, Enser said Mayor Charles L. Smith has agreed to provide city engineering to work with county surveyors in providing plans for clearing out the outlet canal of the lake. This will provide for full drawdown in the future. Enser said there is about 3 feet of "crude" in the canal outlet, which is located near the intersection of Hancock Road and North Street.

JUN 5 1982

Deweeding curbs use of lake

Swimming and fishing is being banned in sections of Pontoosuc Lake today and tomorrow because of chemical treatment to kill weeds. The ban will be lifted Monday.

Boating is also banned, but a state offficial said that the treatment will not interfere with the Jiminy Peak Spring Warm Up canoe races on the lake at 10:30 Sunday morning or the Pontoosuc Sailing Club races this afternoon.

William S. Enser, Director of Berkshire Environmental Labs and a consultant for the county, said that the areas where swimming and fishing are prohibited are at the three main beaches on the lake: the Pittsfield city beach, the Lanesboro beach and the Narragansett Avenue park area. Technically, boating is banned in those areas as well.

Because the chemical wasn't applied along the shore in other sections of the lake, he said, there is no ban on fishing or swimming in those areas.

Signs posted by the contractor, Allied Biological Control of Waltham, mistakenly say that fishing and swimming will be barred through Monday, Enser said. That was because it was thought the work would not be finished until today. Actually, the project was completed Friday.

Originally the chemicals — 2,4-D and Aquathol K — were to have been put in the water on Thursday. But equipment failures stopped the company from tackling the job until yesterday, Enser said.

Swim lessons will start

The first series of free swimming lessons offered this summer by the Department of Parks and Recreation will begin Monday and run for three weeks.

The department's lessons this year will be for beginners only. Participants must be at least 6 years old. Nancy Kelly will instruct the classes at Onota Lake between noon and 4.

Registration may be made by calling the Park Department's Burbank Park number or by stopping at the Onota Lake bathhouse today or tomorrow between 4 and 6.

Classes are limited in size, and registration will be on a first-come basis. The registration coupon appears below and must be signed by a parent.

Miss Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Kelly of 790 Peck's Road, was a lifeguard for the Parks Department for two summers.

She holds American Red Cross certificates in advanced life saving, advanced first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. She is a 1982 graduate of Taconic High School.

BEACHES

10 Years Ago

Steve Pytko, an offensive guard, was the recipient of the 22nd annual DelNegro Award at the annual Drury High sports banquet. The DelNegro Award, sponsored by veteran athletic director John J. DelNegro, was named in memory of his parents.

Miss Gail O'Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Neal of 74 Broad St., was named chief swimming instructor for the summer program conducted by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

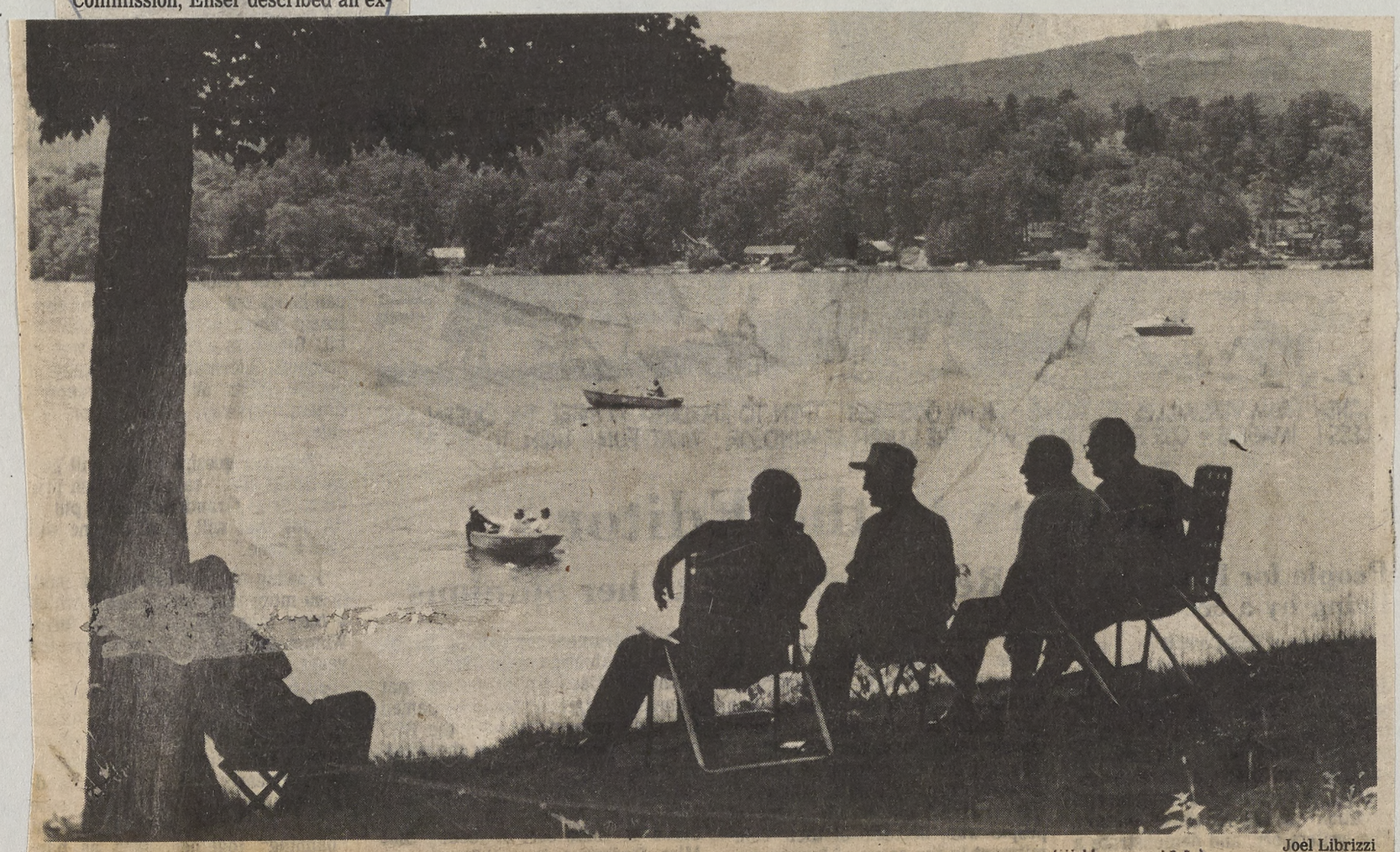
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Public beaches open officially on Monday

Public beaches at Onota and Pontoosuc lakes will open officially on Monday, according to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Hours are noon to 8 daily.

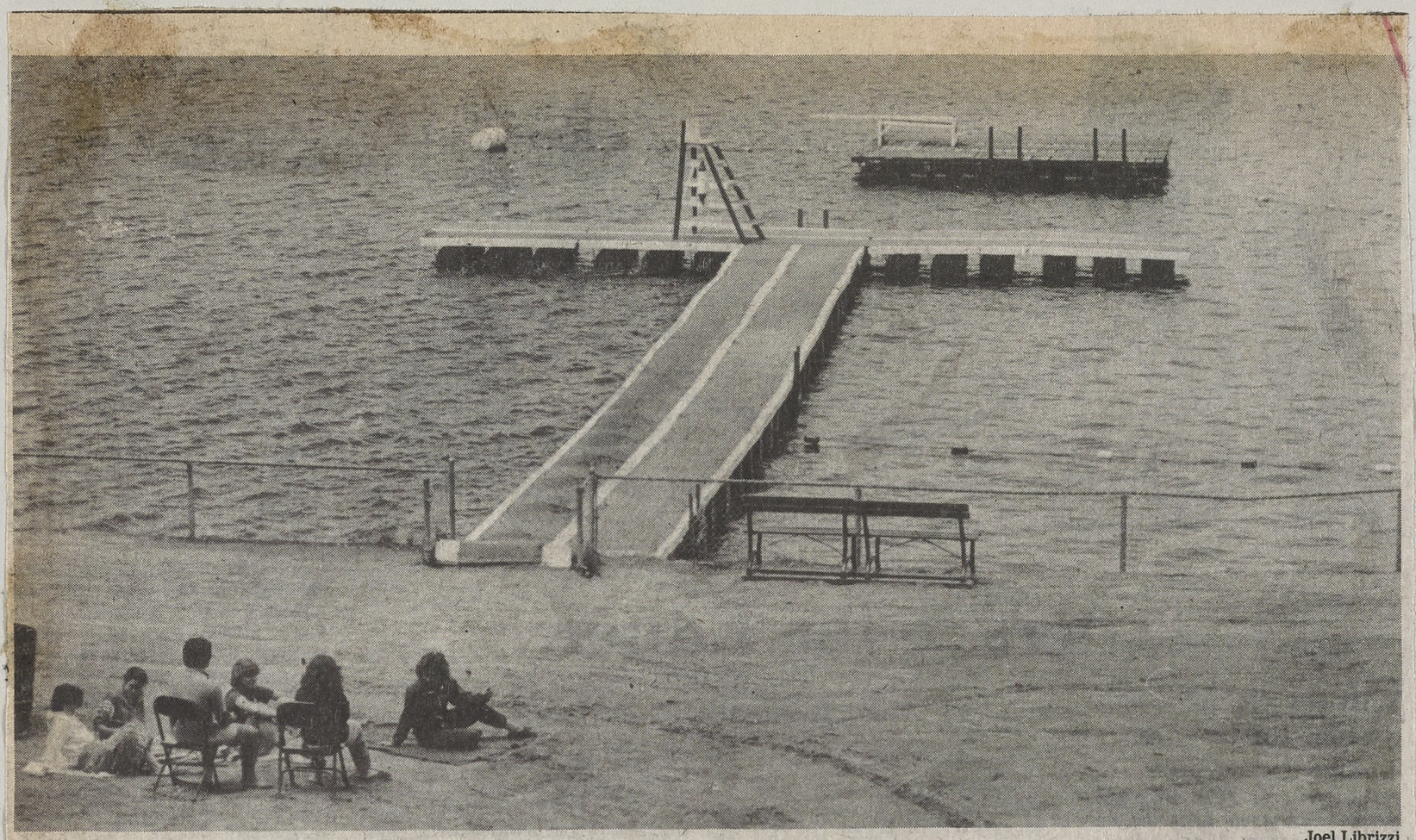


Joel Librizzi

Cool discussion

JUN 10 1982

Five men find the shade and the breezes off Onota Lake condusive to talk yesterday.



Joel Librizzi

No customers

JUN 22 1982

It was the first day of summer, and beaches were open for the first time, but lifeguards at Pontoosuc Lake had few lives yesterday to guard. Coolish temperatures, intermittent cloudiness and brisk breezes were the reasons.



Joel Librizzi

JUL 8 1982

Cooling off

Dina Pierce, 9, and her stepbrother Frankie LaMountain, 4, were among the many who tried yesterday to cool off at the city's beaches. This scene was at Pontoosuc Lake. The temperature climbed to 85, one degree short of the record for the day.

Area sports

JUL 9 1982

City, county swim meet entries available

ANNUAL SWIM MEET: Entry blanks for the 37th annual Pittsfield and Berkshire County Swim Meet are available at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at 874 North St. and the beachmaster's office at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes. The Parks Department and The Berkshire Eagle are sponsors of the meet, which is scheduled July 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the YMCA's Camp Ponterril pool. Entries will close July 22 at 5 p.m.

Thirty-four events are scheduled in age brackets 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18 for both boys and girls. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event. Further information may be obtained from John C. Marchesi, director of recreation at the Parks Department.



Clamorous Clouds

Agitated cloud formations over the Taconic Range are in sharp contrast with the serenely shimmering waters of Pontoosuc Lake.

JUL 10 1982

Park Dept. swim program starts Monday

The Park Department's second three-week swim-instruction program for children begins Monday.

The free classes are open to all Pittsfield children at least 6 years of age.

Daily sessions at the Onota public beach are at noon, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 and 3.

Registration on a first-come, first-served basis may be made by phone or in person at the Onota bathhouse today and tomorrow beginning at noon.

The accompanying permission slip must be brought by participants to the first class.

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Swimming Permission Blank

I hereby give permission to

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to participate in the swimming classes which are to be conducted by the Pittsfield Department of Parks and recreation.

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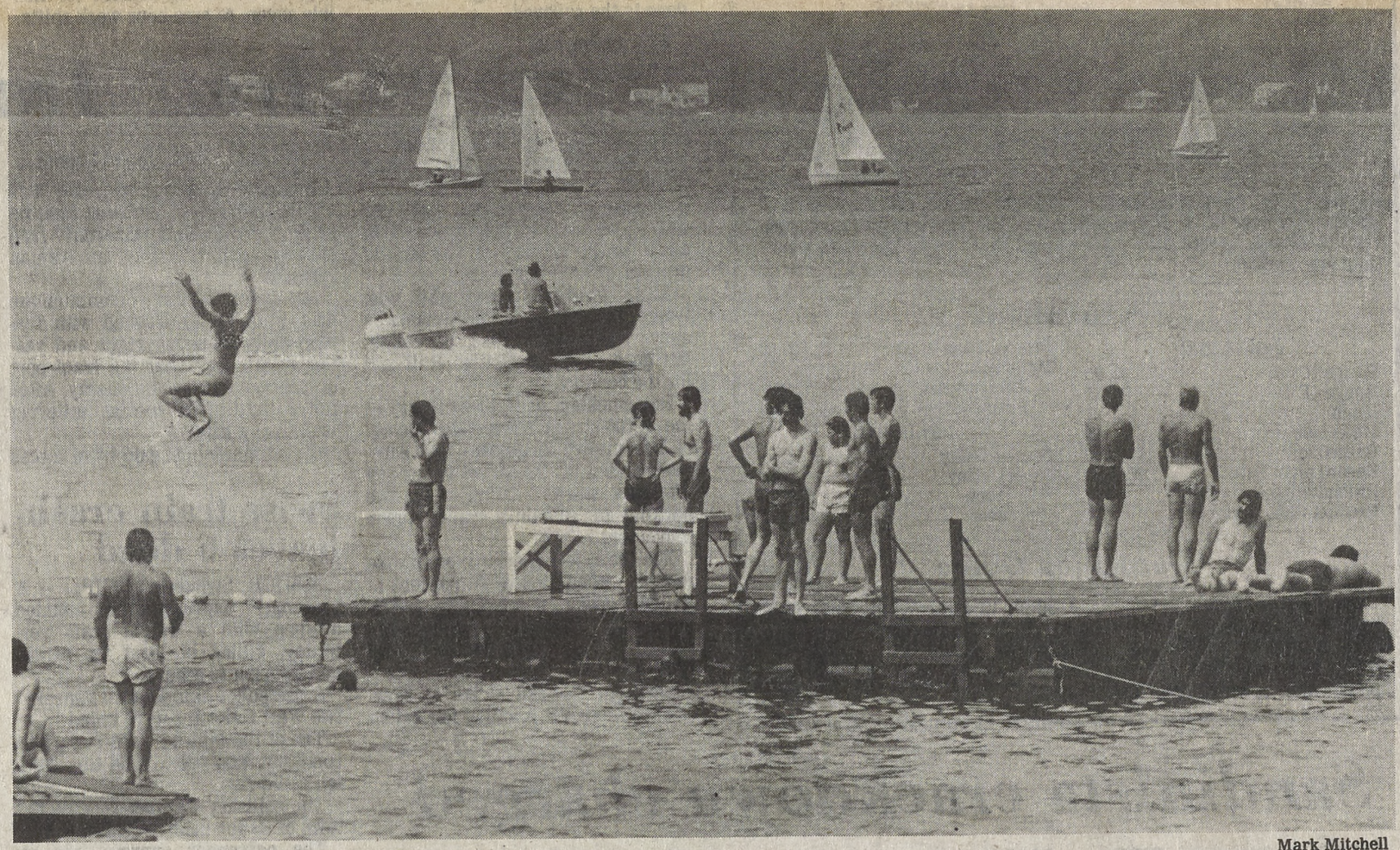
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Parent or Guardian's signature

Registration for swimming may be made by calling the Onota bathhouse at 442-6662. Signed blanks should be brought to class.

JUL 16 1982



Mark Mitchell

HOT AND HUMID weather over the weekend sent many people to area beaches. These bathers are at Pontoosuc Lake. Thermometers at the Pittsfield Airport hit a sweltering 90 degrees Fahrenheit yesterday for the first time this year. Long lens makes boat seem closer to raft than it actually was. Story is on Page 9. JUL 19 1982

Hot weather sends youngsters to the beaches

Attendance at city playgrounds is down this year because they are closed during the evenings, but Onota and Pontoosuc beaches have drawn bigger crowds, according to John C. Marchesi, recreation director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"When the beaches are up, the playgrounds are down," Marchesi told the Park Commission Monday. "Because of the weather this year, the beaches have the kids and the playgrounds don't."

Marchesi reported that attendance on the playgrounds through the third week was 4,608, while the beaches have been visited by 18,681 people this season.

Playgrounds now are supervised from 10 to 3. Last year they were open from 10 to noon, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8, he said.

The commission discussed the possibility of approaching the City Council for more money to keep the beaches open after Aug. 22, but no action was taken.

The department has funds to operate and staff the two beaches until Aug. 22, Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert said, but will need additional funds if the lakes are to remain open until Labor Day, as they have in the past.

JUL 21 1982



Joel Librizzi

POPULAR FOLLOWING surrounds ice cream truck at stop at Onota Lake public beach.



UPI

MULTIPLE WINNERS in the City Swim Meet Saturday pose with meet director John Marchesi, back row, second from left. The swimmers are, left to right: first row, Tara McAteer, Tara DeWinkeleer, Tim Miller and Brad Nixon; second row, Connie Chmura, Kelly Bevan, Pat Miller and Brian Verminski.

JUL 26 1982

Meet records fall in City Swim meet

Three meet records were broken in the 37th annual City Swim meet Saturday at Ponterril. Tara McAteer set a record in the girls' 15-18 100-yard backstroke in 1:11.9. Kelly Bevan established a record in the girls' 9-10 25-yard breasstroke in 19.3. Connie Chmura, competing in the 11-12 division, set a girls' 100-yard individual medley mark.

About 40 swimmers between the ages of 7 and 18 years of age participated. Meet director John Marchesi awarded medals to the first three finishers in each event. The meet was co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle.

The event winners were:

Boys, 9 and 10, 25-yd. freestyle, Brian Verminski, 15.75; girls, 9 and 10, 25-yd. freestyle, Kelly Bevan, 14.73; Boys 8 and under, 25-yd. freestyle, Matt Verminski, 17.5; girls, 8 and under, 25-yd. freestyle, Kristen Freeman, 18.55; boys, 13 and 14, 50-yd. backstroke, Brad Nixon, 34.13; girls, 13 and 14, 50-yd. backstroke, Kathleen Potash, 37.48; boys, 11 and 12, 50-yd. freestyle, Pat Miller, 29.58; girls, 11 and 12, 50-yd. freestyle, Connie Chmura, 29.8; boys, 15-18, 100-yd. backstroke, Tara McAteer, 1:11.9; boys, 9 and 10, 25-yd. breaststroke, Brian Verminski, 21.85.

Girls, 9 and 10, 25-yd. breaststoke, Kelly Bevan, 19.3; girls, 11 and 12 50-yd. backstroke, Connie Chmura, 34.1; boys, 13 and 14, 50-yd. butterfly, Jerry Miller, 39.86; girls, 13 and 14, 50-yd. butterfly, Tara Dewinkler, 34.1; boys, 15-18, 100-yd. breaststroke, Tim Miller, 1:21.6; girls, 15-18, 100-yd. breaststroke, Tara McAteer, 1:18.33; boys, 9 and 10, 25-yd. backstroke, Robbie Pearce, 19.4; girls, 9 and 10, 25-yd. backstroke, Kelly Bevan, 17.1; boys, 13 and 14, 50-yd. breaststroke, Michael Carey, 38.34; girls, 13 and 14, 50-yd. breaststroke, Tara Dewinkler, 38.63.

Boys, 11 and 12, 50-yd. breaststroke, Pat Miller, 38.92; girls, 11 and 12, 50-yd. breaststroke, Sue Baldwin, 41.39; boys, 13 and 14, 100-yed. freestyle, Brad Nixon, 1:11.23; girls, 13 and 14, 100-yd. freestyle, Tara Dewinkler, 1:07.79; boys, 15-18, 100-yd. freestyle, Tim Miller, 1:01.6; girls, 15-18, 100-yd. freestyle, Carol Pakiela, 1:12.9; boys, 11 and 12, 100-yd. individual medley, Pat Miller, 1:16.64; girls, 11 and 12, 100-yd. individual medley, Connie Chmura, 1:13.12; girls, 13 and 14, 200-yd. individual medley, Katy Kreiger, 2:51.1; girls, 15-18, 200-yd. individual medley, Tara McAteer, 2:31.8.

Public beaches face staff cuts

The public beaches at Onota and Pontoosuc lakes will lose half their staffs Aug. 23 unless public attendance at both increases, John C. Marchesi told the Park Commission Tuesday.

Marchesi, city recreation director, said that attendance at the lakes has fallen off dramatically since the July heat wave and the staffs have already been put on split shifts.

Four lifeguards are scheduled to work at each lake after Aug. 23. If attendance picks up, Marchesi said, one lake may be closed and a full staff employed at the other.

The 1982-83 budget contains funds to operate the beaches at full staff for nine weeks this year and two weeks next year. Funds allocated for next year could be used this year if necessary, he said, and the department could seek money for next year in the spring.

AUG 13 1982

Lake beaches, zoo are officially closed

The public beaches at Onota and Pontoosuc lakes and the children's zoo at Springside Park officially closed for the season on Labor Day, the Parks Department has announced.

SEP 9 1982

Pontoosuc's level will be reduced, starting Monday

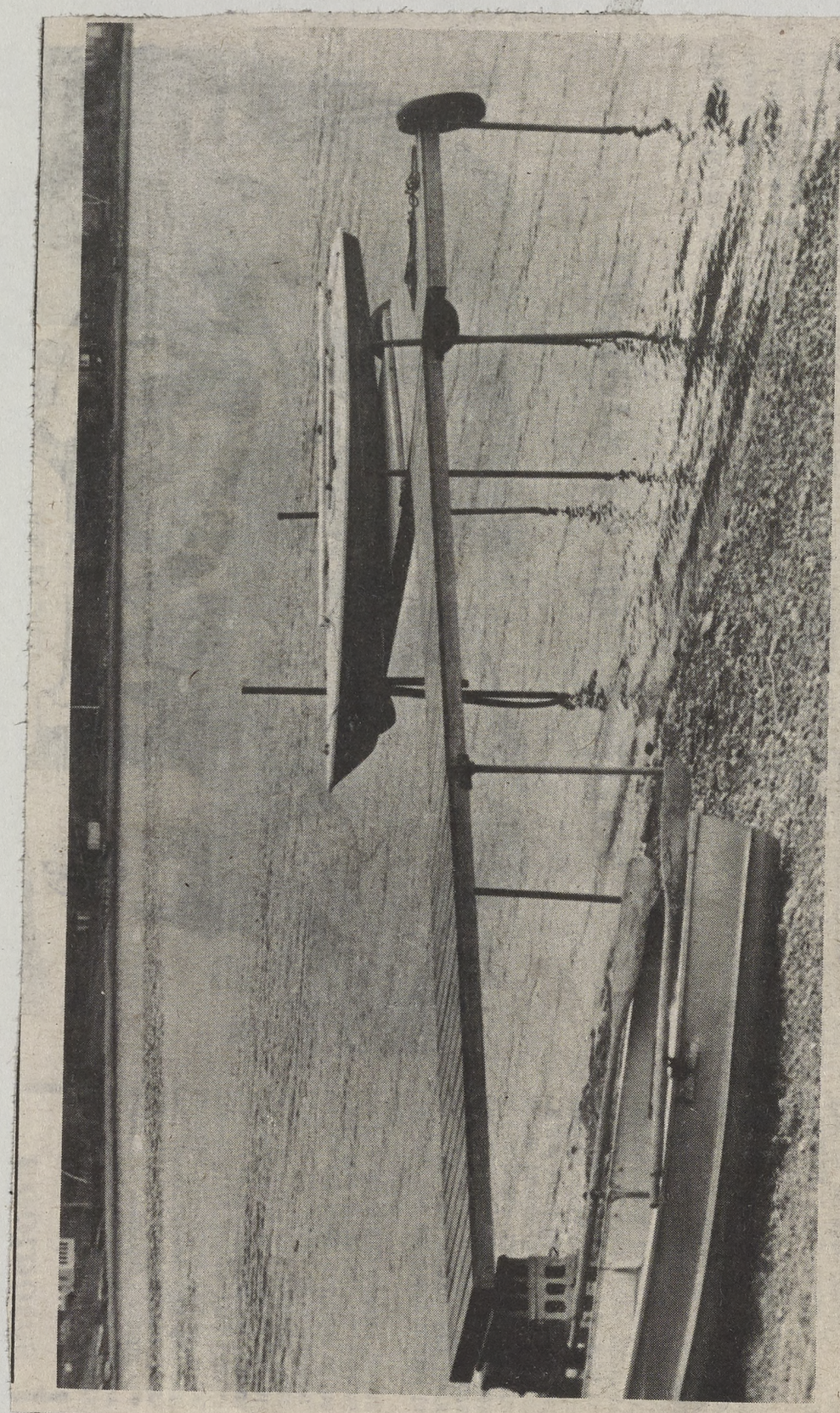
The annual drawdown of Pontoosuc Lake will begin Monday and be completed two weeks later, according to William S. Enser, the county's environmental consultant for the lake.

Pontoosuc residents should remove their docks before the drawdown begins and take their boats out of the water by the second week of the process, Enser said.

The water level will be reduced 5 feet, the same depth as last year, to allow weeds to freeze and be killed over the winter. Enser said the drop will take place at a gradual pace of about 2½ feet per week.

The outlet channel for the drawdown is at the south end of the lake by Hancock Road.

SEP 30 1982



Joel Librizzi

OCT 13 1982

High and dry

The drawdown to kill Pontoosuc Lake weeds has left docks like this one on Narragansett Avenue in Lanesboro up in the air.



Somber Season

NOV 27 1982

Yesterday's arrival of snow came as a brusque reminder that winter is seriously setting in. Onota Lake isn't yet frozen, as in this ominous view taken a while ago, but it surely will be soon.



Transition

DEC 18 1982

Pontoosuc Lake has been trying its best to freeze over. Its exertions seemed especially strenuous on Thursday amid a murky mixture of mist and low clouds. As of yesterday, though, the freezing was still incomplete.

10 Years Ago

The newly organized Wahconah Regional High School varsity chess team won its first interscholastic match over St. Joseph's of Pittsfield 5-1. Participating for Wahconah were George Drosehn, Dave Clark, Tim Peters, Mark Rollins, Steven Rines and Richard Pado.

A whistling swan, an uncommon bird in this part of the country, was seen around Onota Lake. Naturalist Morgan Bulkeley, one of several persons who reported seeing the swan, said it was probably a late migrant.

DEC 16 1982

MAR 18 1982

Open house set at greenhouse

The Springside Park Greenhouse Group will present its annual open house Sunday from 10 to 4 at the greenhouse behind the Parks and Recreation Department office at 874 North St.

Entitled "A Preview of Spring at Springside," the open house exhibit will feature flowers in bloom, bonsai plants grown by Orin McCarty and an extensive collection of herbs grown by Vi Terranova.

All plants to be displayed were grown by members of the greenhouse group under the direction of Carl Deame. Proceeds from plant sales will go toward the future development of an arboretum

Admission to the open house is free. Members of the Greenhouse Group will serve as guides.

10 Years Ago

The Hancock Conservation Commission appointed two high-school students, Mary Monette and Gay Hanson, as associate members. The commission was the first in this area to have two high-schoolers as part of the group.

The Park Commission honored three volunteers for their work in the Springside Park Greenhouse. Cited during the greenhouse group's annual meeting were Carl P. Deame, Nicholas J. Debacher and Edmund J. Mastrovito for the time they had donated and for conducting a special children's program.

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MAR 22 1982



Mark Mitchell

LUSH FOLIAGE greets some of the estimated 1,500 persons who turned out yesterday for the annual open house held by the Springside Park Greenhouse Group. Proceeds from plants sold by the group help pay the $4,000 fuel bill at the greenhouse.

DEC 31 1982



Photos by Joel Librizzi

Orin McCarty displays a neatly pruned jade plant, one of the largest in his bonsai collection at the Springside Greenhouse.



William E. Flynn

Flynn confirmed as director of housing board

The Pittsfield Housing Authority yesterday unanimously elected William E. Flynn as executive director, a position he has held on a temporary basis since the death of former director Arthur C. McGill in December 1981.

PHA member Leon L. Phelps, chairman of the committee that sought and screened applicants, told the board yesterday that there were 38 applicants for the post. After culling the list to 10 and then to four, the committee interviewed the three applicants still interested before deciding to recommend Flynn.

Flynn was assistant director under McGill for 19 years. Before that, he was head of the city engineering department, where he had worked for 15 years.

The search committee attached two provisions to its recommendation: That an agreement be formulated that clearly defines the division of responsibility between the executive director and the board and that the salary remain at its present level.

Flynn's salary was raised to $35,200 in January when he assumed the responsibilities of executive director of the Housing Authority, which administers 1,200 units of housing in the city.

A Pittsfield native, Flynn graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1941 and served in the Air Force for four years. He received his certification as a civil engineer after completing a three-year program at the University of Massachusetts.

He is treasurer of the Springside Greenhouse Group, a member of the American Legion and a member of the board of directors of Hillcrest Hospital.

Flynn and his wife, the former Jeanne Brennan, live at 81 Valentine Road.

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JAN 25 1982

Boards join in repairing zoning error

A major error discovered in a new ordinance changing the former Pontoosuc School property to a light industrial zone has resulted in scheduling by the City Council and Planning Board of a joint public hearing for Feb. 23.

The Council unanimously approved the zone change last Oct. 13 to allow George J. Cavallero to buy the school and convert it into new quarters for his growing plastics molding business. An ordinance incorporating the zone change subsequently was drafted and received two favorable Council votes before it became final.

However, as it turns out, the ordinance describes only the portion of the property that was conveyed to the city by the Department of Parks and Recreation, according to principal city planner David P. Hathaway.

When the ordinance was drafted, the typist inadvertently used only that description and not the description for the entire lot, he explained.

Because of the error, the zone change to light industrial applies only to the abandoned playground in the rear of the property, forcing the Planning Board and the Council to schedule new hearings and repeat the zone-change process.

MAR 20 1982



Heavy Hitters

Baseball season is almost upon us, which means players should be getting into better shape than this hefty lineup, which overwhelmed its own bench back in the 1950s during a game at Clapp Park.

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Joel Librizzi

BACK IN USE with the coming of spring weather are the athletic courts at Tucker Park on the site of the former Tucker School. Courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis were completed last year with Community Block Grant Funds. New additions, not pictured, are benches and a water fountain, installed last winter. More play equipment is expected this summer. Christian Center personnel maintain the area and staff programs for neighborhood youngsters.



Joel Librizzi

Jan goes poof!

MAY 27 1982

With a little seasonal recreation, Jan Nolan, 6, of 33 Kellogg St. scatters dandelion heads in Springside Park to the winds.

JUN 26 1982

Playground season starts on Monday

The 1982 playground season, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, begins Monday with the opening of nine areas for eight weeks. Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The nine areas and their leaders are:

Allen Heights, Kevin Lynch; Clapp, Anthony Barile Jr. and Debra Ellery; Common, Denise Carty and David Farley; Crane, Lisa Levante; and Deming, William Flynn and Michelle McCartney.

Also, Lebanon, Donna Graton and Karen Heinemann; Pitt, Dawn DuRant; Sackett Brook, Debra Goddeau; and Wahconah, Helen Beaudoin and Chauncey Stockton.

The arts and crafts supervisor will be Judith Principe, and John Howe will be sports supervisor.

Volunteers will open two additional areas. Dorothy Amos playground will be run by Mary Batory and Lois Steinman on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to noon.

Egremont playground will be supervised by Alan Shepardson on Tuesdays from 10 to noon. Paul Virgilio will open Egremont each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, Sheila Quinn will staff Deming on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Allen Heights: 10, registration; 12, sports; 1, bulletin board.
Clapp: 10, registration; 12, kick ball; 2, carroms.
Common: 10, get acquainted; 11, scavenger hunt; 1, arts and crafts.
Crane: 10, registration; 12:15 kick ball; 1:30, bulletin board.
Deming: 10:30, registration; 11:30, arts and crafts; 1, wiffle ball.
Lebanon: 10, registration; 11, kick ball; 1, bulletin board.
Pitt: 10, frisbee; 11, clown drawing contest; 1, kick ball.
Sackett Brook: 10, registration; 11:30, wiffle ball; 1, capture the flag.

Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, checkers tournament; 12, lunch with the leader; 1, killer.
Clapp: 10, football throw, 12, arts and crafts; 2, wiffle ball.
Common: 10:30, hi neighbor, 12:30, hobo convention; 1:30, frisbee.
Crane: 10:15, peanut toss; 11:15, twister; 12:30, sports.
Deming: 10, bingo; 12, foul shooting; 1, ladder (game).
Lebanon: 10, thumper; 11, 4 square; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Pitt: 10:30, sports; 12, nature walk; 1, basketball.
Wahconah: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, capture the flag; 1:30, limbo.

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Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Allen Heights: 10, bulletin board; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, wiffleball at Crane.
Clapp: 10, bulletin board; 11:30, wiffle ball vs Lebanon; 1, peanut hunt.
Common: 10, bulletin board; 12, kick ball; 1, board games.
Crane: 10, bubble gum blowing; 11:15, bulletin board; 1:30, arts and crafts, wiffle ball vs Allen Heights.
Deming: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, bulletin board; 1:30, kick ball.
Lebanon: 11:30, wiffle ball at Clapp; 1, bulletin board; 2, limbo.
Pitt: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, bulletin board; 1:30, kick ball.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, bulletin board; 12:30, egg throw; 2, wiffle ball practice.
Wahconah: 10, baseball skills; 12, football skills; 1, basketball skills.

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Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, bubblegum-blowing contest; 12, candy hunt; 2, kickball.
Clapp: 10, free throw; 12, picnic lunch; 1:30, nature hike.
Common: 10:30, bake sale; 12, wiffleball; 1, 4 square and jump rope.
Crane: 10, egg toss; 12:30, pizza lunch; 1:30, spud.
Deming: 11:30, team B wiffleball; 1:15, team A wiffleball; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Lebanon: 10:30, bake sale; 11, kickball; 1, bubblegum-blowing contest.
Pitt: 10, basketball; 10:30, library field trip; 1, lemonade sale.
Sackett Brook: 10, cherry pit contest; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, wiffleball.
Wahconah: 10, baseball skills; 11:30, wiffleball game; 1, football game.

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Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, baby picture contest; 12, bike decorating.
Clapp: 10, baby picture contest; 12, soccer game.
Common: paper airplane race; 1:30, bubble gum blowing.
Crane: 10:15, balloon blowing; 11:15, frisbee.
Deming: 10, guess whose baby picture; 12, pick up the park.
Lebanon: 10, frisbee toss; 12, face painting.
Pitt: 10:15, wiffle ball; 12, open park library.
Sackett Brook: 10, sports man; 11, bring lunch to park.
Wahconah: 10, duck-duck-goose; 11, lemonade sale.

Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Allen Heights: 11, peanut hunt; 12:30, peanut decorating; 2, peanut race.
Clapp: 10:30, dog show; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, trip to Friendly's.
Common: 11, drawing; 12, lunch with the leader; 1, marathon.
Crane: 10, Simon says; 12:30, watermelon; 1:30, 4 square.
Deming: 10:30, dodgeball; 12, pizza day; 1:30, basketball game.
Lebanon: 10:30, capture the flag; 11:30, link tag; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Pitt: trip to Onota Lake.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, potato race; 12, kick ball, 1, wiffle ball and bake sale.
Wahconah: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12:30, lemonade sale; 1, track and field games.

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JUL 8 1982

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Allen Heights: 11, egg relay; 12, spud.
Clapp: 10, popcorn sale; 12 relay races.
Common: 10:30, kickball; 12, arts and crafts.
Crane: 10, caroms; 11:30, kickball; 12:30, winner of the week.
Deming: 10:30, checkers tournament; 12, trip to Dairy Queen.
Lebanon: 10, family feud; 11, spud; 12:15, balloon decorating contest.
Pitt: 10, carom tournament; 12:15, sports.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, peanut race; 12, sports.
Wahconah: 10, softball game; 11, flag football.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Allen Heights: 11, long jump; 12, 100-yard dash; 1, flag football.
Clapp: 10:30, flag football; 12:30, lemonade; 1:30, softball throw
Common: 10:30, wiffle ball; 12:30, arts and crafts; 1:30, monster dress-up.
Crane: 10, bulletin board; 11:15, balloon stomp; 1, flag football.
Deming: 11, arts and crafts; 12:30, relay race; 1, frisbee throw.
Lebanon: 10:30, flag football; 11, 4 square; 2, bulletin board.
Pitt: 10:30, track and field; 12, bulletin board; 1, park library.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, track and field; 12, pizza lunch; 1:30, balloon stomp.
Wahconah: 10:30, track and field at Pitt; 12, lunch at park; 1:30 kickball.

JUL 10 1982

Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, Halloween dress-up; 12, bobbing for apples; 1:30, dodge ball.
Clapp: 10, soccer; 12, turkey day; 2, air band contest.
Common: 10, State Forest; 12, lunch with leader; 1, nature hike.
Crane: 10, bobbing for apples; 11:30, park cleanup; 12:30, turkey bowl-touch football.
Deming: 10:30, four-leaf clover hunt; 11:15, volleyball; 12, hole in one.
Lebanon: 10, bake sale; 11, Halloween in July; 2, pet rock contest.
Pitt: 10, trip to Onota Lake.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, capture the flag; 12, arts and crafts; 2, free-throw contest.
Wahconah: 10, fire station trip; 12, Dairy Queen trip; 1, basketball; 2, kickball.

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Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, Easter bonnet making; 12, Easter egg hunt; 1:30, kickball.
Clapp: 10, pick up park; 12, arts and crafts; 1, bike race.
Common: 10, roller-skating; 12, trip to Burger Chef; 2, bicycle relay race.
Crane: 10, Easter candy hunt; 11:30, face painting; 1, wiffleball.
Deming: 10, bake sale; 12, wiffleball; 1:30, checkers tournament.
Lebanon: 10, link tag; 11, awards; 1:30, sports.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, wiffleball; 12:30, bob for apples; 2, picnic.
Wahconah: 10, arts and crafts; 12, police station trip; 1:30, water balloon game.

JUL 21 1982

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Allen Heights: 4th of July picnic with Crane.
Clapp: 10:30, costume contest; 1, Parkside Cafe trip.
Common: 10, carroms tournament; 11, hole in one.
Crane: 4th of July picnic with Allen Heights.
Deming: 10, Halloween day; 11:30, Thanksgiving feast.
Lebanon: 10, water balloons; 11, wiffle ball.
Pitt: 10:30, park clean-up; 11:30, nature walk.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, field trip.
Wahconah: 10, hole in one; 12, wiffle ball.

JUL 22 1982

8—The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, July 14, 1982

'Anything Goes' Thursday on Pittsfield's playgrounds

City playgrounds will be closed tomorrow as children from all areas will converge on Clapp Park for the annual "Anything Goes" activities.

The events, which begin at 11, include an obstacle-course run, a sack race and a softball throw, according to Linda M. Murphy, recreation supervisor.

Also planned is a "banana run," in which blindfolded participants will follow a string through a maze and eat a banana with whipped cream at the end, and a "balloon pop," in which participants will attempt to pop balloons tied to the ankles of others while protecting the balloons tied to their own.

Winners will be awarded ribbons for some events, Ms. Murphy said, adding that a "Sundae Day" will be awarded to the best represented city playground. "But we are geared toward participation, not competition," she added.

The city flag football championship game will begin at 1, with competitors determined by the playoffs held this week at the playgrounds.

At 2, the day will end with a water slide, when a large piece of plastic will be spread out on a flat area and sprayed with water from a hose while children slide around and cool off.

Some transportation to Clapp Park will be provided by playground personnel, but Ms. Murphy said that parents are also needed to drive children and she encouraged them, in any event, to transport their own. A child traveling with a leader will have to obtain a permission slip, she said, but those driven by their parents will not.

Children should also bring a lunch, she said. Orange drink will be provided.



Joel Librizzi

Slide into coolness

JUL 16 1982

A hundred youngsters got some relief from the heat yesterday in a water slide on a sheet of plastic at Clapp Park. It was the final event of the "Anything Goes" day, sponsored as a special playground program by the Pittsfield Park Department.

JUL 26 1982

Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, crazy hat contest; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, bulletin board.
Clapp: 10:30, craziest outfit; 12, lemonade sale; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Common: 10:30, cracker and whistle; 1, bulletin board; 2, wiffle ball.
Crane: 10, crazy hat contest; 11, wacky 4 square; 12:30, soccer in Dalton.
Deming: 10:30, backwards day; 11:30, bubblegum contest; 1, volleyball game.
Lebanon: 10:30, 4 square; 12:30, spud; 2, crazy hat contest.
Pitt: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, bulletin board; 1:30, water balloon fight.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, crazy hat contest; 12, bulletin board; 2, carroms tournament.
Wahconah: 10, events at the Boys Club.

JUL 27 1982

Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, street hockey at Crane; 12, backwards hour; 1:30, air band practice.
Clapp: 10:30, obstacle course; 12, picnic lunch; 1:30, nature hike.
Common: 10:30, bicycle relay race; 12, lunch with the leaders; 1:30, board games.
Crane: 10:30, street hockey; 12, air band practice; 2, kick ball.
Deming: 10:30, crazy hat contest; 12:30, street hockey; 2, twister.
Lebanon: 10:30, limbo; 1, soccer; 2, wiffle ball.
Pitt: trip to Onota Lake.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, backwards day; 12, arts and crafts; 2, air band practice.
Wahconah: 10, trip to computer center; 11:30, Friendly's; 2, street hockey.

City playgrounds sponsoring dance tomorrow noon

All city playgrounds will be closed tomorrow so children and park leaders can attend a dance at West Side Community School featuring "new wave" music from noon to 2:30.

The Parks Department said that, in order to attend, children should meet at their usual playgrounds at 11:30. Parents are asked to help with transportation.

Linda M. Murphy, recreation supervisor for the Parks Department, said prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed children and leaders and to winners of a dance contest.

JUL 28 1982

Playground schedule

FRIDAY JUL 29 1982

Allen Heights: 10:30, freckle contest; 12, wiffle ball.
Clapp: 10:30, relay races, 12, sports.
Common: 10:30, kick ball; 12:30, 4 square.
Crane: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, freckle contest.
Deming: 10:30, street hockey; 12, most pigtails contest.
Lebanon: 10:30, capture the flag; 11:30, carroms tournament.
Pitt: 10:30-12:30, nature walk.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, homerun derby; 12, wacky 4 square.
Wahconah: 10, volleyball; 11:30, basketball.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Allen Heights: 10, bulletin board; 12:30, kick ball at Lebanon; 1:30, booth making.
Clapp: 10:30, sand castle contest; 12:30, bulletin board; 1:30, balloon contest.
Common: 10, 4 square; 12, arts and crafts; 1, kick ball.
Crane: 10:30, kick ball; 12:30, bulletin board; 1:30, booth making.
Deming: 10:30, kick ball; 11, arts and crafts; 1, carroms tour.
Lebanon: 10:30, kick ball at Allen Heights; 12:30, bulletin board; 2, spud.
Pitt: 10:30, bulletin board; 12:30, kick ball; 2, park library open.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, pet show; 12, nature hike; 2, picnic.
Wahconah: 10, bicycle obstacle course; 11, zoo and picnic; 2, arts and crafts.

JUL 31 1982

Playground schedule

TUESDAY

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Allen Heights: 10, clown dress up; 12:30, arts and crafts; 1:30, balloon toss.

Clapp: 10:30, basketball; 12:30, crazy eights; 1:30, street hockey.

Common: 10:30, carroms; 12, basketball; 1:30, water balloon toss.

Crane: 10, clown dress-up; 11:30, spud; 1:30, arts and crafts.

Deming: 10:30, bulletin board; 12, 4 square; 1:30, frisbee throw.

Lebanon: 10:30, capture the flag; 12:30, basketball; 2, clown day.

Pitt: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12:30, hand printing; 1:30, sports.

Sackett Brook: 10:30, bulletin board; 12, kick ball; 2, bike ride.

Wahconah: trip to the State Forest.

Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Allen Heights: trip to Onota Lake.

Clapp: 10:30, face painting; 12:30, kickball; 1:30, arts and crafts.

Common: 10:30, bubble gum blowing; 12, wiffle ball; 1:30, frisbee throw.

Crane: trip to Onota Lake.

Deming: 10:30, wiffle ball; 12, relay race; 2, checker tournament.

Lebanon: 10:30, wiffle ball; 12:30, limbo; 2, caroms.

Pitt: trip to Onota Lake.

Sackett Brook: 10:30, baby picture contest; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, make booths.

Wahconah: 10, trip to the Boys' Club; 1:30, visit Western Mass. Electric Co.

AUG 3 1982

Playground carnival set tomorrow

The annual playground carnival sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation will be held tomorrow at the First Street Common from 11 to 2:30.

All nine staffed playgrounds will be represented by game booths constructed by the children, according to Linda M. Murphy, recreation supervisor. Booths will include face painting, a sponge throw, a hole-in-one game and a color wheel.

Popcorn, cotton candy, soda and candy will be sold. At the day's end there will be a drawing for a 10-speed bicycle, television set and camera.

AUG 4 1982

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Allen Heights: 11, scavenger hunt; 12, spud.
Clapp: 10:30, best clown costume; 12, wiffle ball.
Common: 10, cracker whistle contest; 12, sports.
Crane: 10, face painting; 11:30, ballon stomp.
Deming: 11, trip to Dairy Queen; 12, board games.
Lebanon: 10:30, arts and crafts; 11:30, 4 square.
Pitt: 10:30, park cleanup; 12:30, balloon stomp.
Sacket Brook: bake sale all day; volleyball.
Wahconah: 10, bike ride; 11:30, softball.

AUG 5 1982





Joel Librizzi

Fun at the fair

AUG 6 1982

Seven-year-old Frances O'Hare, 7, a volunteer target in the sponge throw at yesterday's Pittsfield playground carnival, grimaces at the left as she awaits the wet sponge's arrival and shows astonishment at the right, following the impact.

Playground schedule

MONDAY

AUG 7 1982

Allen Heights: 10, bulletin board; 11:30, wiffle ball; 1:30, blind man's bluff.
Clapp: 10:30, bulletin board; 12, kickball; 2, field hockey.
Common: 10:30, checkers tournament; 12, arts and crafts; 12:30, 4 square.
Crane: 10, bulletin board; 11:30, bike decorating; 1, hula hoop.
Deming: 10, bulletin board; 11, arts and crafts; 12:30, street hockey.
Lebanon: 10:30, street hockey at Pitt; 11:30, relay races; 1, wiffle ball.
Pitt: 10:30, sports, 12, kickball; 1:30, crazy hat contest.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, wiffle ball; 12:30, field hockey at Deming; 2, Dairy Queen.
Wahconah: 10, softball; 11:30, rolley ball; 12, arts and crafts; 2, street hockey.



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Photo by David Vallette

Here's a sponge in your eye

Brian Benlien, a volunteer target, takes a wet sponge in the face in a sponge-toss game Thursday at the First Street common in Pittsfield. The city Parks Department held its annual playground carnival at the common.

Playground schedule

TUESDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, 50s dress up contest; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, bike marathon.
Clapp: 10:30, obstacle course; 12, lunch at McDonald's; 1:30, cemetery game.
Common: 10:30, bulletin board; 12, cracker and whistle; 1:30, wiffle ball.
Crane: 10, swing thing; 11, 4 square; 1, street hockey with Dalton; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Deming: 10:30, Fonzie and Laverne look a like contest; 11:30, wiffle ball; 1, cards.
Lebanon: 10, bulletin board; 11, frisbee throw; 1, limbo.
Pitt: 10:30, arts and crafts; 12, decorate bulletin board; 1, bake sale.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, hula hoop contest; 12, bulletin board; 2, checkers tournament.
Wahconah: 10, football skills; 12:30, street hockey; 2, movies.

AUG 9 1982

10 Years Ago

Pasquale Morabito and Jamie Murphy of Egremont Playground were crowned king and queen of the city's 25 playgrounds at the Park Department's annual King and Queen Night at North Junior High.

Attorney Anthony J. Ruberto Jr. was sworn in as one of five special lawyer-prosecutors to work in district courts in the western district, covering Hampden and Berkshire counties.

AUG 9 1982

Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

AUG 10 1982

Allen Heights: 10:30, checkers tournament; 12:30, street hockey at Crane; 1:30, carroms.
Clapp: 10:30, spud; 12, horse shoes; 1:30, carroms.
Common: 11:30, Burger Chef; 1, kick ball; 2, coloring contest.
Crane: 10, 50's dress up contest; 12:30, street hockey; 1, lemonade/bake sale.
Deming: 10:30, street hockey; 12, pizza day; 2, relay races.
Lebanon: 10, 4 square; 11, carroms; 1, kick ball.
Pitt: trip to Onota Lake.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, 50's dress up contest; 12, arts and crafts; 2, 4 square.
Wahconah: 10, bike ride; 12:30, picnic and field trip.

Carnival tomorrow at Highland School

AUG 10 1982

The Highland Special Needs Summer Program will hold its annual fund-raising carnival tomorrow from noon to 2 at Highland School on Brooks Avenue.

The carnival will feature games, pony rides, face-painting, a raffle and a bake sale. Hot dogs and orange drink will be available.

Proceeds from this carnival enable the 35 children participating in the program to go on various field trips, including the annual trip to Mountain Park amusement park.

Picnic tomorrow for park leaders and youngsters

City playgrounds will be closed tomorrow so that park leaders and children can have a picnic at the State Forest, according to Linda Murphy, recreational supervisor for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The picnic, which will run from 10 to 3, will feature swimming, street hockey and other games and activities and a flag football game featuring the playground leaders, Ms. Murphy said.

Children should bring their own lunch and must have permission slips from parents to attend.

Park leaders will meet with the participants at the individual playgrounds at 10. Transportation will be provided by leaders and parents, she said.

AUG 11 1982

Playground schedule

FRIDAY

Allen Heights: 10:30, field trip, with Sackett Brook.
Clapp: 10:30, wiffleball; 12, nature hike.
Common: 10:30, sports; 12, board games.
Crane: 10, dance contest; 11:30, bike contest.
Deming: 10:30, Hula-Hoop contest; 11:30, trip to Friendly's.
Lebanon: 10, link tag; 11, basketball.
Pitt: 10:30, nature walk; 12, wiffleball.
Sackett Brook: 10:30, field trip, with Allen Heights.
Wahconah: 10, street hockey; 11:30. water balloon games.

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25 Years Ago

Peter Marchetti clubbed four doubles, a triple and a single to lead a Lakewood stampede over Pitt in the playground all-star whiffle ball finals. Marchetti and Lakewood pitcher John Luzis were each awarded a rod and reel.

Eighty participants attended the doll show held at the Lee Athletic Field playground. Prizes were won by Kathy Naventi, Mary Lou Lovato, Billy Dewkett, Mary Ann O'Brien and Diane Castronova.

AUG 12 1982

Playground schedule

MONDAY

Allen Heights: 10, bulletin board; 12:30, arts and crafts; 1:30, hide and seek.
Clapp: 10:30, bulletin board; 12, carroms; 1:30, balloon contest.
Common: 10, sports; 12, arts and crafts; 1:30, spud.
Crane: 10, bulletin board; 12, kick ball; 2, farewell memories.
Deming: 10:30, arts and crafts; 11:30, wiffle ball; 1:30, dodge ball.
Lebanon: 10:15, 4 square; 11:30 carroms tournament; 2, kick ball.
Pitt: 10, trip to library; 11:30, lunch with the leader; 1:30, crazy hat contest.
Sackett Brook: 10, nature hike; 12, bulletin board; 2, baby picture contest.
Wahconah: 10, softball; 11, bike ride and Dairy Queen; 1, golf; 2:30 park meeting.

AUG 14 1982

Playground schedule

WEDNESDAY

Allen Heights: 11, candy hunt; 12:30, scavenger hunt; 1:30, bike race.
Clapp: 10:30, wiffle ball; 12:30, picnic lunch; 1:30, prizes.
Common: 10:30, 4 square; 12, kick ball; 2, coloring contest.
Crane: 10, candy hunt; 12, spud; 2, park clean-up.
Deming: 10:30, basketball; 12:30, spud; 2, balloon stomp.
Lebanon: 10, arts and crafts; 12, cook-out; 2, sports.
Pitt: 10:30, nature walk; 12, kick ball; 1:30, carroms.
Sackett Brook: roller skating and lunch at Burger Chef.
Wahconah: 10, football; 11:30, computer center; 1, Friendly's; 1:30, wiffle ball.

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AUG 18 1982

Playground schedule

THURSDAY

Allen Heights: Surprise day.
Clapp: 10:30, sports; 12, pizza day; 1:30, arts and crafts.
Common: 10:30, kickball; 12, lunch with the leaders; 1:30, balloon stomp.
Crane: Surprise day.
Deming: 10:30, softball; 12, Dairy Queen; 2, wiffleball.
Lebanon: 10:30, basketball; 12, water balloons; 1:30, limbo.
Pitt: 10:30, face painting; 12, picnic lunch; 1:30, wiffleball.
Sackett Brook: Surprise day.
Wahconah: Trip to the Boys' Club.

Day at Onota will bring end to playground year

Four hours of activities at Onota Lake tomorrow will climax the Pittsfield playground season.

The Park Department said that the Lake Day celebration will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include a tug-of-war, water games and a cookout. The department asked children to bring their own hot dogs and/or hamburgers.

Children should meet at their respective playgrounds at 10 a.m. to arrange transportation. Parents are again asked to help transport the children to the lake. Except as points of departure all city playgrounds will be closed during the day.

AUG 19 1982



Joel Librizzi

Sound in the round

SEP 4 1982

At Pitt Playground this week, these youngsters used the playpipe hideaway to further amplify sound from their portable stereo cassette player "music box." From the left are Victor Durant, 5, Tyus Durant, 10, and Jerome Golden, 12.

Phantom dog aids police in apprehending suspect

The Pittsfield Police department may no longer have a dog on the force, but that doesn't mean it can't — in a pinch — pretend it does; especially when pretending pays off as it did Saturday night.

Officers James Boland and Robert D'Ascanio were pursuing 17-year-old Rodney K. Lewis of 25 King St. through Pitt Playground Saturday evening to question him about a purse snatching earlier on West Street.

Lewis was putting some distance between himself and his pursuers when Boland decided to take some unorthodox action. Turning in the direction of D'Ascanio, Boland shouted; "All right, let the dog loose!"

Lewis drew up quickly, raised his hands and shouted: "Don't let the dog loose."

Later at the police station, Lewis discovered the Police Department does not have a dog. It had one once, but the dog got to be an expensive proposition and was given up.

At his arraignment Monday morning, Lewis, who appeared to appreciate the humor in the ruse, pleaded not guilty to unarmed robbery. He was ordered held until Nov. 30 under $1,000 bail.

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Sliding into winter

NOV 27 1982

Joel Librizzi

Desiree Griffin, 6, of 45 Clinton Ave. tries out sled and slide in yesterday's snow at Clapp Park.

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Joel Librizzi

TRAIL BLAZERS, most of them members of Boy Scout Troop 20, cleared 4 miles of trails for hikers and cross-country skiers at the rear of Sackett Brook Park under the direction of Scout Julius A. "Rusty" Fuchs, at left. Other volunteers are Mark Feeley, Shaun Risley, Robert Donna, Paul Choiniere, John Hager and Brian Chanen. Absent when photo was taken were Joseph Blake, John Tinger and Kevin Jones.

Boy Scouts map, mark and clear 4 miles of trails at Sackett park

By Debra DiMassimo

Mapping, marking and clearing 4 miles of trails at Sackett Brook Park to fulfill part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout had special significance for Julius A. "Rusty" Fuchs: The park once belonged to his grandfather, Alfred J. Burgner, who operated a dairy and poultry farm there.

Rusty, a 14-year-old freshman at St. Joseph's High School, supervised nine other boys who spent a total of 450 man-hours this summer and fall clearing and marking the trails and building and erecting signs.

Sackett Brook Park extends 1.3 miles from its northern boundary at Williams Street, and the rear two-thirds of the property is an undeveloped expanse of meadows and forest.

Rusty's trails were laid out in a looping fashion in that area of the park and run beside three different brooks, Sackett, Ashley and Sykes. The first part of the course crosses Sackett and Ashley brooks near the turnaround at the end of the park road and follows a trail for seven-tenths of a mile to an intersection. At that point, a hiker or skier has a choice of following four different trails, all marked.

The project actually began two years ago when Rusty, a member of Troop 20 at Sacred Heart Church, was working toward becoming a Star Scout. Rudy Stoebel, former president of the Adirondack Trails Committee, helped him find the boundaries of the park by walking its perimeter and locating the cornerstones and landmarks.

Rusty's mother, the former Barbara Burgner, then encouraged him to clear the trails so the public could enjoy the land she grew up on.

As senior patrol leader of Troop 20, Rusty enlisted the help of seven fellow Scouts, Mark Feeley, Kevin Jones, Shaun Risley, Joseph Blake, John Hager, John Tinger and Robert Donna. Two other boys, Paul Choiniere and Brian Chanen, worked with the Scouts.

Adults who assisted were Julius "Bud" Fuchs, Ray Risley, Edward Feeley, Robert Fuchs and Scoutmaster Robert Donna.

JAN 16 1982



Egging Them On

A large bunny provided leadership for the Easter egg hunt at Clapp Park in 1955. It was a sedate event then, compared to some of the stampedes of following years.

APR 10 1982

Easter egg hunt put off to April 18

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Exchange Club and the Department of Parks and Recreation has been postponed, because of weather conditions, until 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18. It will be held behind Reid Middle School.



Susan Plageman

STUFFING plastic eggs with 360 pounds of jelly beans, Exchange Club members prepare for belated Easter egg hunt Sunday at 3 behind Reid Middle School.

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Joel Librizzi

Taking it in stride

A bit of snow on the downtown sidewalks doesn't faze the Berkshire County Savings Bank's Easter Bunny.

APR 17 1982

Easter egg hunt is at 3 on Sunday

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday behind Reid Middle School at 3 p.m. sharp. Co-sponsors of the event are the Exchange Club and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Children should bring their own baskets or bags and will be divided into the following age groups: 2 years and under; 3 and 4 years of age; 5 and 6 years of age and those 7, 8 and 9 years old.

Prizes will be awarded in each age division for those finding the largest egg, smallest egg, golden egg, silver egg and black egg.

Twitch the Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the childen and hand out eggs to children 2 years old and younger.

For more information call the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St.



Mark Mitchell

SCRAMBLING for eggs, tots join in the annual hunt behind Reid Middle School.

700 join annual egg hunt

More than 700 children gathered up jelly-bean-filled eggs hidden behind Reid Middle School at the annual Easter egg hunt yesterday afternoon.

The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Exchange Club for the 32nd year.

The egg hunt was geared for boys and girls up to 9 years of age.

Twitch the Easter Bunny met many of the children, posed for pictures and handed out the eggs to youngsters 2 years old and younger.

Prizes for special eggs were awarded as follows:

Children under 2 — Craig Cimini, 31 Thompson Place; Michelle Wuarman, 75 Bossidy Drive; Becky Langdon, 243 Churchill St.; Jennifer Ketchum, 9 Capri Terrace, and Holly Dewey, 253 Wahconah St.

Ages 3 and 4 — Karen Smegal, 114 Parker St.; George Berne, 245 Cheshire Road; Lynn M. Clairmont, 2 Martin St.; Heather Smegal, 114 Parker St. and Michael Lind, 12 Wood Ave.

Ages 5 and 6 — Daniel Everette, 84 Clarkson Ave.; Heather Haughtling, 75 Lincoln St.; Nicole Kellogg, Swamp Road; Renee Bordeau, 44 Edgewood Road; James Percy, 50 Oxford St., and Julie Polanski, 21 Austin Ave.

Ages 7, 8 and 9 — Ann Marie Formel, 158 Bradford St.; William Peck, 345 Benedict Road; Adam Rodick, 56 Springside Ave., and Nirag Shah, 82 Belmore Drive.

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25 Years Ago

The warmest April in the 19 years that records had been kept by the U.S. Weather Bureau station here made it possible for everyone to wear their Easter finery. The mercury hit 80 degrees.

Searching for eggs at Clapp Park, 800 youngsters went after 240 dozen colored eggs at the 11th annual Easter-egg roll. Del Virgilio, contractor, and Clements Dairy furnished the eggs, which were decorated by Mrs. Anna Martin of 533 North St.

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Halloween parade scheduled Oct. 30

The 38th annual Halloween Parade, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle, will be Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m.

Local organizations may enter floats and/or marching units depicting something typical of the Halloween season. Advertising by businesses participating in the parade is not allowed.

Prizes are awarded to floats in two categories: those constructed primarily by children and those constructed primarily by adults. Each category will have a first, second and third place winner.

Also, a prize will be given by a panel of child judges picking the float they like the best.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the band category, with a special merit award going to the band showing extra effort in its presentation.

Marching groups will be competing for two awards. The first goes to the organization with the highest percentage of members marching. The other award will go to the best costumed group that is dressed alike or portraying a theme. They do not have to be related to a float.

Seventy children will receive gift certificates for their costumes. Judging will be done before the parade in the line-up.

Persons and organizations wishing to participate in the parade are being asked to send a representative to the organizational meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Parks Department, 874 North St.

SEP 20 1982

Meeting set to plan Halloween party

LANESBORO — A meeting to plan the town's annual Halloween party is scheduled for 7 tonight at the Elementary School.

Chairman William P. Prendergast Jr. says the party will be Oct. 30 at the school. He said anyone with ideas is welcome.

The party is organized and financed by townspeople.

OCT 20 1982

Last meeting tonight on Halloween parade

The final organizational meeting for the 1982 Halloween parade, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle, will be at 7 tonight at Springside House.

Any group or organization planning to participate in the parade is asked to send a representative, the Park Department said in announcing the meeting. It asked those who cannot attend to call the department.

Park board rejects trick-or-treat change

Trick-or-treat night in Pittsfield will be Friday, Oct. 29, despite a request from Rhoda Kaminstein, the director of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, that the Park Commission shift it to Oct. 31 to avoid a conflict with regular Friday night religious services.

The Park Commission, with some reluctance, voted Monday to deny the request because the hours have already been publicized and because it is traditional to have trick-or-treating the night before the annual Halloween parade, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 30.

Board members said that they were sensitive to the request but that it was too late to change the date.

OCT 22 1982

Halloween party set Thursday at CYC

The Catholic Youth Center in conjunction with the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a Halloween party Thursday from 4 to 5:30 at the Catholic Youth Center on Melville Street.

The party, which will include a haunted house, refreshments, games, costume judging and prizes, will be open to CYC members only. Membership is $1.50, and admission to the party is free to children in Grades 1 to 6.

The Catholic Youth Center High School Service Society and the newly formed 7th and 8th grade social club will staff the party's activities. Participants are to sign up by Tuesday.

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Boys' Club to hold Halloween party

Pittsfield Boys' Club will conduct its annual Halloween party Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with the city Department of Parks and Recreation. It will be open to all members age 7 through 13.

Program director Peter Bell says there will be movies, a ghost walk, games, costume judging, prizes and refreshments. Costumes must be worn, he said.

Tickets at 75 cents apiece can be purchased at the club's main desk daily. Senior leaders and instructors from the club's vocational department will supervise the activities.

Mayor Smith has no plans for banning trick or treat

Mayor Charles L. Smith said yesterday he has no intention of banning the traditional Halloween trick or treat this year and added that he doubts he has the authority to do so if he wanted to.

Friday, Oct. 29, has been designated as trick-or-treat night in Pittsfield, with the witching hours restricted to 5 to 7 p.m.

In some communities, the door-bell-to-doorbell march of treat-seeking ghosts and goblins has been canceled in the wake of the random deaths in Chicago traced to Tylenol capsules that had been tampered with and filled with cyanide.

Smith said that it is up to parents to decide if they want their own children to participate in trick-or-treating and, if so, that they should accompany them and make sure they visit only the homes of people they know.

However, he said he is having a notice distributed in the schools that includes his recommendation that neighborhood or school costume parties be substituted.

The notice also includes a list of suggested trick-or-treat safety precautions. It urges that costumes be light in color, short enough to prevent ripping, and nonflammable; that masks that restrict vision be avoided, and that flashlights be carried. And it concludes with this advice to parents: "Most important of all, don't allow your children to eat any treats until after you have examined them carefully."

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OCT 26 1982

Y Halloween party scheduled Saturday

The Pittsfield YMCA's Halloween costume party for youngsters ages 4 to 10 will be Saturday from 2 to 4. The Department of Parks and Recreation is helping sponsor the event in the YMCA Youth Lobby.

Activities will include bobbing for apples, costume judging, a movie "The Mummy's Tomb" and refreshments. Those who wish to attend are to sign up at the YMCA youth desk by Thursday.

Halloween party at Girls Club tonight

Pittsfield Girls Club will holds its annual Halloween party in cooperation with the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department tomorrow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the ugliest, prettiest, funniest and most original costumes and the scariest witch. Cider and donuts will be served.

OCT 27 1982

Halloween parade is tomorrow night

Pittsfield's 38th annual Halloween parade will have the usual assortment of floats, bands and costumed children when it starts Saturday at 7 p.m., but marchers will be spirited along First Street for the first half of the traditional spectacle.

The route was changed to detour the parade around the North Street bridge reconstruction site. After lining up on East Street at 6:30, paraders will travel along First Street, turn left onto Maplewood Avenue and then turn right onto North Street, where the reviewing stand will be located. The destination is Wahconah Park.

Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano will again be grand marshal for the event, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle.

Floats built by adults and those built by children will be judged in separate categories, with prizes of $100, $75 and $50 in each. In addition, an award of $25 will go to a float chosen by three youthful judges.

The same amounts of money will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place bands. The $25 merit award is for the band the judges feel displays the most effort.

A prize of $25 will be granted to the school or organization with the largest number of marchers, based on the percentage of enrollment, and groups dressed alike or dressed to portray a theme will be considered for another $25 award.

Gift certificates will be awarded to 70 children who march in the parade. Winners of the costume prizes will be chosen by judges stationed in the lineup area prior to the parade, and the children will be given ribbons to wear on their costumes.

In the event of rain, changes in plans for the parade will be announced by all local radio stations by 5:30 p.m.

The line of march is as follows:

Section I

Police car
Park Department car
Grand Marshal Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano
Sheriff's car
VFW Color Guard
Fire Department truck
Pittsfield Winter Carnival Queen
Pittsfield High School Band
Pittsfield High School Cadettes
Pop Korn
Morningside Community School float
Morningside Community School marching unit
Lee High School Band
Sacred Heart School float
Sacred Heart School marching unit

Section II

Lenox Memorial High School Band
New Life Enterprises float
Williams School marching unit
Baghas three-wheeled sport vehicles
Stearns School float
Hoosac Valley Regional High School Band
Berkshire County Savings Bank
Allendale School Marching Unit
Girls Club float
Girls Club marching unit
WBEC

Section III

Wahconah Regional High School Band
Highland School float
Highland School marching unit
Dug Out float
Dug Out marching unit
Lebanon Valley High School Band
4th of July Parade Committee float
Egremont School marching unit

Section IV

Taconic High School Band
Lanesboro marching unit
West Side Community School float
West Side Community School marching unit
Pomeroy School float
Pomeroy School marching unit
Defenders Senior Drum & Bugle Corps
Head Start float
Head Start marching unit
Drury High School Band
Police car

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Avast there, mate!

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This pirate crew from Highland School absconded with three top prizes at Pittsfield's Halloween parade Saturday. Equipped with regulation buccaneer gear of eye patches, kerchiefs and cutlasses, Debbie Duda, Ricky Duzlak, Matthew Colby and Robert Harrington peer through a porthole in their pirate ship float. Story and other pictures on Page 13.

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Photos by Mark Mitchell

STEARNS SPACEKIDS took second place among child-constructed floats in Saturday's Pittsfield parade with their Extraterrestrial Halloween. Aliens wearing gas masks are shown near their rocket.





PECULIAR PEDESTRIAN, at left, was among Pittsfield parade marchers, as was ET, impersonated here by sheriff's deputy Daniel Turner, greeting a young spectator.

Highland School entry takes 3 prizes in Halloween parade

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By Linda Carman

Balmy temperatures drew an estimated 15,000 Halloween parade-watchers, based on Park Department estimates, to downtown Pittsfield Saturday to view assorted spooks and creepy critters wending their way along this year's roundabout parade route.

Highland Elementary School's fierce pirate crew snatched top prizes in three categories. The school's entry was chosen by adult judges for the best child-constructed float and best costumed marchers, and chosen by a panel of youths as the the best in the parade.

Buccaneers with eye patches yelled horribly and brandished cutlasses of aluminum foil from the windows of the Highland pirate ship. At the helm was their costumed captain, principal George Farley, while the Jolly Roger flew over the tattered sails. At intervals, cannons poking through gunports belched clouds of "smoke," later disclosed to be carbon dioxide from fire extinguishers.

Trudging in the ship's wake was a horde of diminutive pirates, heads appropriately kerchiefed. The award brought booty as well as honor, $100 in prize money for the top float, $25 for the marchers, and another $25 for being the kids' favorite.

Second place among child-constructed floats went to Stearns School for its "Extra-Terrestrial Halloween," a float inhabited by creatures in gas-masks, and followed by marchers topped with tiny antennae. Stearns also won a prize for having the highest percentage of its enrollment, 50 percent, in the line of march.

Third place in the child-built category was taken by the New Life Church, a group that holds services in the Polish Community Club. Small angels with wings and glittering halos carried a banner proclaiming "Halloween from Heaven." On the float, witches and Satan writhed in chains, while angels sang "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The parade began on East Street, but because of the North Street bridge reconstruction, marched up First Street to Maplewood, where the biggest crowds of spectators congregated. The parade turned right on North Street and moved on to Wahconah Park.

Parade-watchers included some blood-drenched, costumed ghouls, one fuzzy orange wigged spectacular, and a four-week old puppy named Spunky who found the monstrous marchers distinctly alarming. The crowd was up by 50 percent from last year's 10,000 for this year's 38th annual parade. It is sponsored by the city Department of Parks and Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle.

In the category of floats constructed by adults, West Side Community School's "Halloween's troll" dwarfed the competition. Because of his size, he stood atop his bridge instead of, as the fairytales specify, under it.

Second place went to the Dugout's "Muppets Halloween Ball," and third, to Sacred Heart's "PacMan's Halloween," in which a glowing electronic PacMan is about to gobble up a luminous tombstone. The float was followed by Sacred Heart marchers, waving lights like small green fireflies, and roped in so as not to stray. Prizes for bands went to Drury, Lee, Pittsfield and Hoosac Valley high schools.

The parade was led off by Berkshire County Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano, resplendent as a giant green and gold parrot, accompanied by deputies garbed as ET, a pumpkin and Yogi Bear. This year's parade fielded three more floats, one more band, and one drum and bugle corps more than last year's.



Mark Mitchell

CHRISTMAS TREE is decorated in Pittsfield's Park Square by city employes Paul Leon, in bucket at left, and Joseph J. Meloveck. The latter has assisted with decorating the tree for the past 34 Christmases.

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Tree lighting ceremony slated Thursday night

Pittsfield's Christmas tree lighting ceremony, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pittsfield Downtown Associates, will be tomorrow evening at Park Square.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with Civil Defense personnel closing off the traffic on the north side of Park Square and the arrival of Santa Claus to greet the children. At 6:30 Paul Nixon will lead Christmas caroling, and the Pittsfield High School Band will begin playing at 6:40.

Marybeth Meloveck will light the Christmas tree. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Meloveck, the working foreman for the Signal Division of the Pittsfield Fire Department, who has decorated the city's Christmas tree for the last 35 years.

The ceremony will end with the singing of "Silent Night."

Santa will remain on the platform until he has greeted all the children, and all those attending will receive coupons for free hot chocolate.

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Susan Plageman

Placing an order

DEC 3 1982

Jessica Stone, 2, tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas. Jessica and her mother, Mrs. Doris Stone, were among 300 spectators at Park Square last night for the annual Christmas tree lighting sponsored by the Park Department and the Pittsfield Downtown Associates.

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Fee charges approved for park

Wahconah Park may be used by private, non-profit groups for fund-raising events, provided that the fees charged are "reasonable," the Park Commission learned last night.

The commission had expressed concern that proposed ticket prices for the Pittsfield 4th of July Committee's "Precision and Pageantry '82," to be held at the park Aug. 16, would be too high to comply with federal guidelines. Fees for the event, an international drum corps competition, will be $6 in advance and $7 at the gate.

After a two-year, $700,000 rehabilitation project was completed at Wahconah Park in 1978, the city was informed that federal community development funds had been used illegally because the facility was a stadium and not a park. Pittsfield was ordered to make an effort to ensure that the park is used for as many activities as possible in which low-income residents can participate.

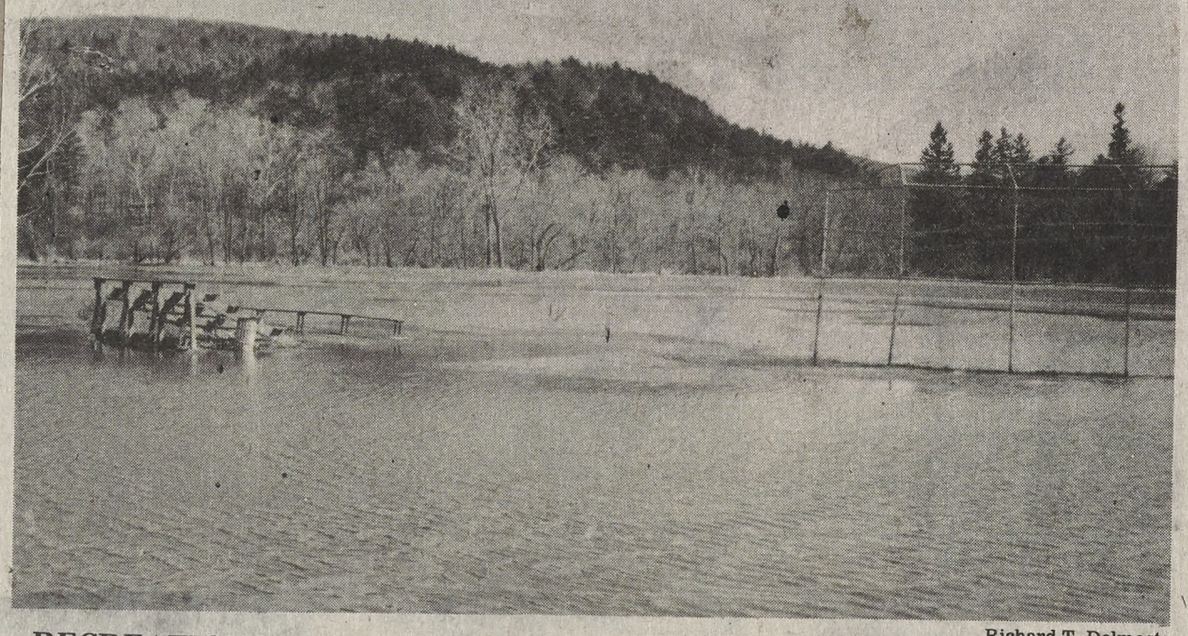
Janet L. Goldberg, city commissioner of community and economic development, sent a letter to the Park Commission stating that she had received word from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's area representative in Boston that HUD considers the drum corps competition an "appropriate use of Wahconah Park."

In her letter, Ms. Goldberg suggested that future requests for use of the park and ticket prices be cleared through her office verbally.

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"Oklahoma!" at Wahconah Park in 1961



Richard T. Delmasto

RECREATION PARK in Stockbridge is flooded by the Housatonic River's excess. Police in South Berkshire kept a close watch yesterday on the river, which overflowed its banks at many points.

Chairmen named for drum, bugle corps event

Raymond Pulver of Richmond and Margaret Rice of Pittsfield have been named chairmen of Pittsfield's 1982 drum and bugle corps competition, called Precision and Pageantry, scheduled for Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Wahconah Park.

The competition, sanctioned by Drum Corps International, will be sponsored by the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee. Committee president Beverly Chartier said six of the top 18 drum corps in the world will be present.

They are the Bridgemen of Bayonne, N.J., Cavaliers of Rosemont, Ill., Crossmen of Delaware County, Pa., Memphis Blues of Memphis, Tenn., Garfield Cadets of Garfield, N.J., and the Defenders of Rockland.

Their appearance here, Mrs. Chartier said, will be their final one of the season before they compete in the international championships beginning in Montreal, Que., Aug. 17.

Tickets to the Pittsfield event will $6 in advance and $7 at the gate, she said. Advance tickets may be obtained from members of the parade committee or at Randall's Trophy Shop, 228 Tyler St.

The event is a fund raiser for the 1983 Fourth of July parade.

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Auditions for the musical 'Hair' are scheduled by Public Theater

The Berkshire Public Theater has announced open auditions for its summer production of "Hair" at Wahconah Park. The tryouts will be Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Pittsfield Girls Club on East Street.

June performances

The hit musical, with book and lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado and music by Galt McDermot, will be performed on June 4 and 5 at the park, and will play again on Aug. 18 on the outdoor stage on North Street as part of the arts festival.

The emphasis at the auditions, according to director Frank Bessell, will be on strong singers. Auditioners may bring their own music, and an accompanist will be available. Interested applicants who cannot make the audition should call 445-4631 to arrange an alternate time.

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Joel Librizzi

Water wheels

Water from Saturday's heavy rains still covers much of the parking lot at Wahconah Park, as this photo taken yesterday shows.

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Yesterday's *Eagle* photo of amphibious bicyclists cruising the waters of Lake Dobelle, which reappears with the red-wing blackbirds each spring at Wahconah Park, is Pittsfield's perennial reminder that crime doesn't pay. In a slick piece of grantsmanship a decade ago, the city fast-talked the federal government into bending its rules by putting up nearly $1 million for a scheme to make the park forever dry. Nature's stubborn refusal to let the scheme work comes under the heading of just deserts.

APR 23 1982

WAH. PARK

PHS-Taconic tilt highlights today's school baseball slate

A city series game between Pittsfield High and Taconic headlines a five-game slate today in the Berkshire Hills high school baseball conference.

The Generals and Braves, both 4-2 and 1½ games back of Hoosac Valley in the Northern Division title race, will square off today at 1:30 at Wahconah Park. The game will be the first one played at Wahconah Park this year because the park was not ready earlier in the season, though Taconic will play its home games there from now on.

In other games today, Mount Greylock will be at Hoosac at 11 a.m., and Southern Division leader St. Joseph's will meet Mount Everett at 1:30 at Deming Field, while McCann Tech will be at Lee and Drury will be at Wahconah. Those games also start at 1:30.

The game between Monument-Lenox game has been postponed because of the Monument Mountain band trip to Washington, D.C. That game has been rescheduled for Monday, May 24, at Monument.

May 8, 1982



Susan Plageman

HEAD-FIRST slide into third base enables Pittsfield High's Dave Bertolozzi to beat the tag of St. Joseph's third baseman Mark Sottile on the front end of a double steal during yesterday's game at Wahconah Park. Bertolozzi scored the first run of the game moments later and PHS went on to win, 10-6.

, May 14, 1982

Dalton Fair Assn. plans annual carnival in June

MAY 22 1982

DALTON — The five-day, 7th annual Dalton Fair Association's carnival will be held this year from June 16 to 20 and will once again feature a giant fireworks display, according to association president Camillus Cachat.

The fair which drew an estimated 75,000 to Dalton during it's five-day stint last year, will again be held at the American Legion field off Route 9 on North Street.

The fair is sponsored by six nonprofit groups: the Firemen's Association, Police Association, Hard Hat Association, Dalton Youth Center, Dalton Youth Center Benefit Association and the American Legion.

Last year the fireworks display attracted a crowd estimated at 25,000.

Each year the Fair Association opens the grounds free of charge on Saturday to handicapped children from throughout the county and last year hosted 250 children and leaders from various schools for the day.

This year, Cachat said, there will be approximately 15 carnival rides and 25 games and refreshments booths.

There will be 100 circus animals and a free petting zoo.



Mark Mitchell

SHOPPERS inspect seedlings offered by Mitchell Watras of Northampton at weekly Berkshire Area Farmers Market which opened for the season Saturday at Wahconah Park.

Public theater getting help from city on 'Hair'

MAY 24 1982

Pittsfield's city government and the Berkshire Public Theater are cooperating on the production of "Hair" to be given at Wahconah Park on June 4 and 5.

Frank Bessell, the theater's artistic director, said that the cooperative approach continues the relationship between his group and the city that was fostered last year with the staging of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Pittsfield isn't putting any cash into the production, Bessell said, but it will be providing a lot of manual labor that will keep the ticket prices within reach of a wide audience — $6 in advance and $7.50 at the door. Otherwise, he said, they could be twice as high.

Moving stage

The Park Department under Vincent Hebert and the Public Buildings Department under Harold T. Grandshaw are both providing manpower to move a city-owned stage to Wahconah Park and help erect it. Grandshaw will also supply an electrician to make the power hookups. Public Works Commissioner Gerald S. Doyle will provide trucks for transporting the stage. Janet L. Goldberg's office of Community and Economic Development is helping in a variety of ways, he said, and Mayor Charles L. Smith has been very supportive.

In appreciation of the city's assistance, Bessell said, the theater is inviting a number of city workers involved to attend Saturday night's performance.

Final details on the city's support were worked out at a meeting with department heads and the mayor on Friday.

The city is supporting the play, he said, because of the Smith administration's interest in an artistic renaissance for the community. He and the mayor believe that artistic events that attract people to the city are not only good culturally but economically for the community.

This will not be the standard production of "Hair," Bessell said.

He said that it is being reinterpreted. Some of the messages about sex and drugs have proven invalid, he said, and are being revised. The music, he said, will remain intact.

The tickets are on sale at outlets throughout the county.

Rain dates have been arranged for June 6 and 7. The rain dates were set because the memory of the downpour that drowned out one performance of "Superstar" is still fresh in Bessell's mind.

The Berkshire Public Theater only recently finished paying off debts it contracted because of the revenue lost from that rained-out performance.

MAY 25 1982*

It will be interesting to see how much sanitizing the Berkshire Public Theater has done to the musical "Hair" in order to avoid any backlash that might otherwise result from the city government's help in mounting the June 4-5 production at Wahconah Park. Artistic director Frank Bissell's statement that some of its messages about sex and drugs are being revised because they have proven "invalid" sounds more like a strategic accommodation than an artistic judgment.

PHS-Taconic games to benefit schools' general athletic fund

Games between Pittsfield High and Taconic in baseball and girls' softball this week have been designated as booster games to benefit the general athletic fund for the Pittsfield public schools.

In softball, Friday's PHS-Taconic game has been moved to Lakewood Field. The starting time, however, is still set for 4 p.m.

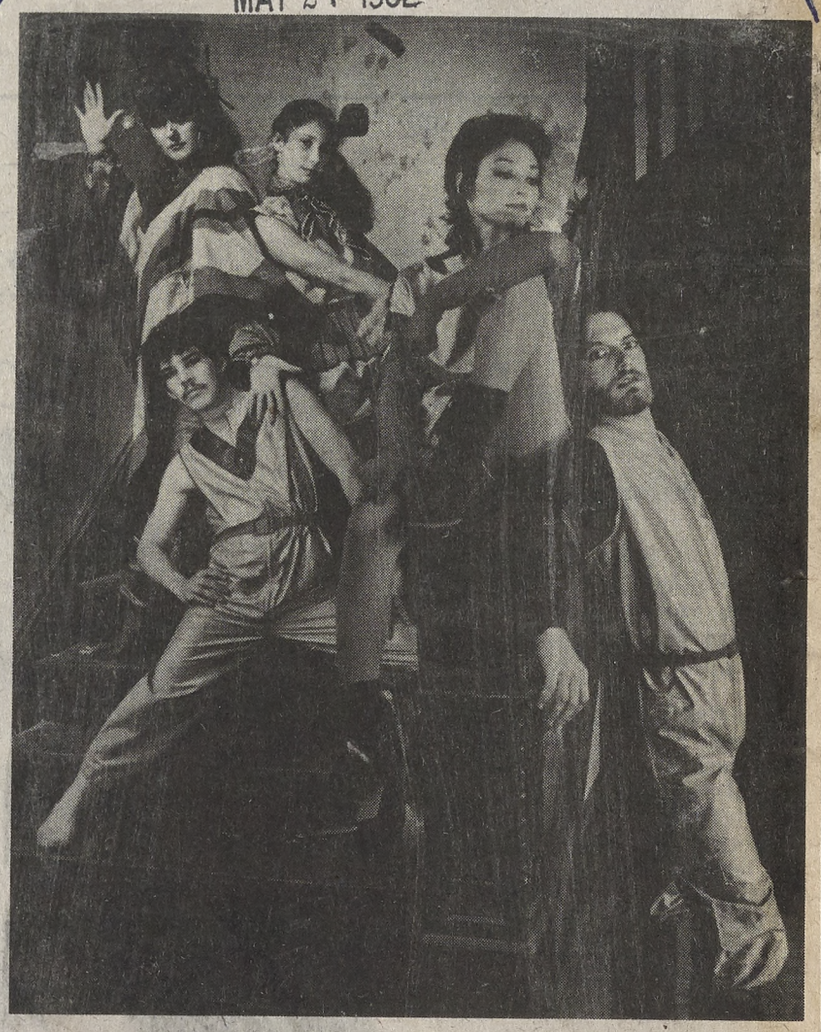
The PHS and Taconic baseball teams will then meet Saturday at 1:30 at Wahconah Park.

Admission for each of these games will be $2 for adults and $1 for students. All proceeds from the games will then go to benefit the schools' athletic programs.

PHS and Taconic also played booster games in both football and basketball this past season.

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Evan Soldinger

MEMBERS of the cast of the Berkshire Public Theater's production of "Hair" include Jay Whalen, bottom left, Amy Judd, top left, Judi Rothberg, Maggi Bastow, center, and Douglas MacDonald.

'Hair' to play Wahconah June 4-5

The Berkshire Public Theater will present "Hair" at Wahconah Park on June 4 and 5 at 8 p.m.

The musical will be directed by Frank Bessell, with John Sauer as musical director and choreography by Anna Schmitz. Costume designers for the production are Iris Bessell and Govane Nadig.

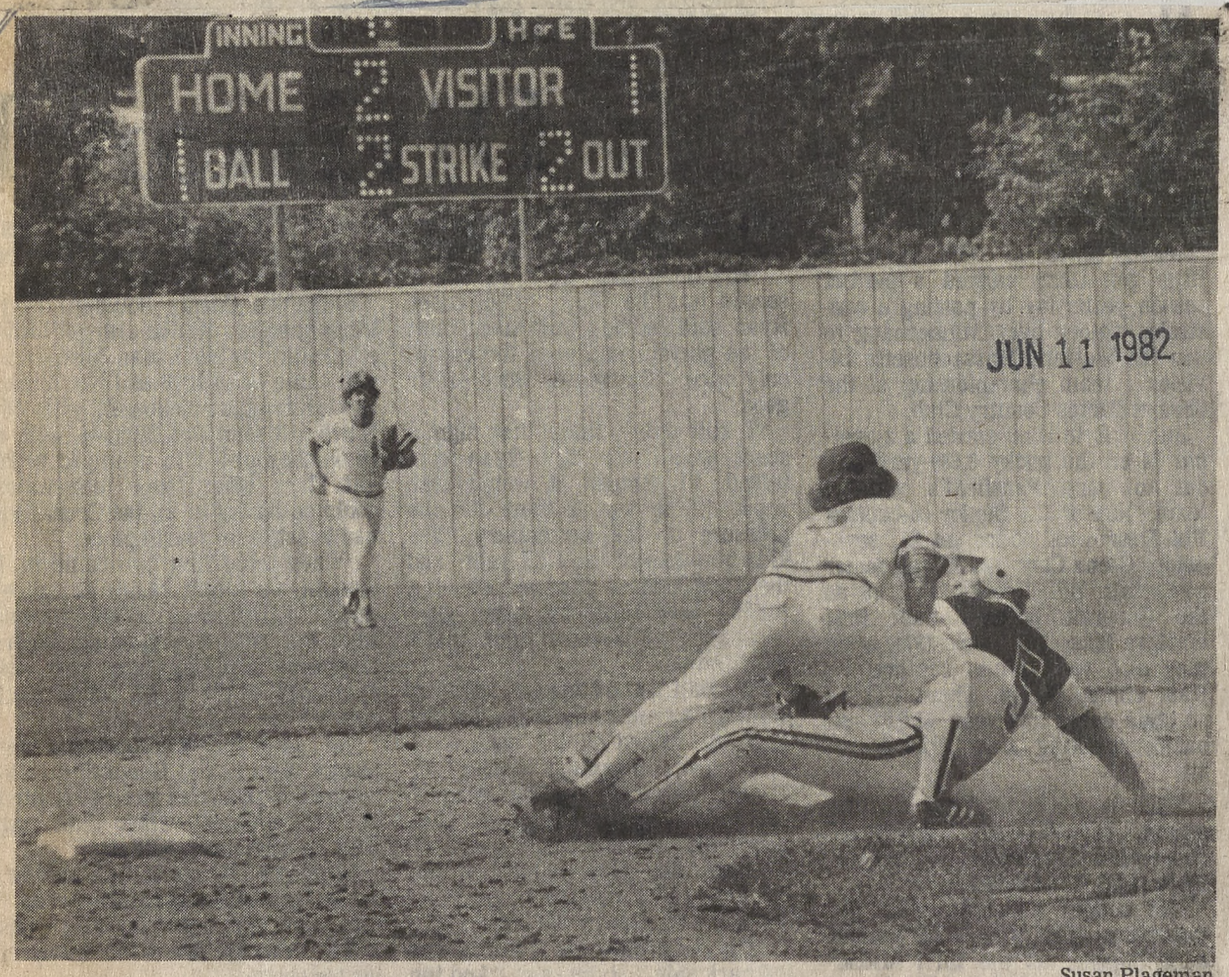
Sculpture by Gladys Novick of Richmond will be incorporated into Elizabeth Mascioli's production design.

Tickets are $6 in advance, $7.50 at the door. Rain dates are set for June 6 and 7.

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BERKSHIRE Public Theater Ensemble with B. Thomas MacDonald, left, and Amy Judd, right, in "Hair" at Wahconah Park.



JUN 11 1982

Susan Plageman

OUT BY A MILE — well, a couple of yards anyway — is Longmeadow runner Myles Sattler, who was gunned down by Pittsfield High catcher Craig Turnbull as he attempted to steal second during yesterday's Western Mass. tournament game at Wahconah Park. Making the tag is PHS second baseman John LeBeau. Pittsfield won the game 14-3.

JUN 7 1982

PHS-Comp tourney game tomorrow set for Wahconah Park

Tomorrow's Pittsfield High-Chicopee Comp Western Mass. high school tournament baseball game will be played at Wahconah Park.

The PHS-Comp game, a Western Mass. Division 1 quarterfinal game, will get under way at 4 p.m.

The Wahconah Park game is one of three involving Berkshire County teams tomorrow. Taconic and Agawam will meet in another Division 1 quarterfinal clash at 4 at the Agawam High field, while St. Joseph's will be playing host to a Division 3 quarterfinal clash at 4 at the Crusaders' home turf, Deming Field.

St. Joe will meet either Mohawk Trail Regional or Gateway Regional in their tournament opener tomorrow. Mohawk and Gateway are scheduled to play a preliminary-round game today in Huntington. Their game was rained out on Saturday.

The fourth county team in the tournament, Berkshire County champion Hoosac Valley, is entered in the Division 2 field and will not play until the Hurricanes meet Holyoke Catholic in the semifinals on Thursday. The time and site of that game, however, will not be decided until after quarterfinal play is completed in the other divisions tomorrow.

Rained out 'Hair' to be performed again tonight

The Berkshire Public Theater will perform "Hair" tonight at 8 at Wahconah Park to replace its Saturday and Sunday performances, which were rained out.

All weekend tickets will be honored for tonight's performance, including tickets for Friday, when attendance was only 500 because of cold, damp weather, according to Sally Filkins, associate administrative director.

JUN 7 1982

'Hair' rescheduled as rain once more thwarts performance

The Berkshire Public Theater's rescheduled performance of "Hair," planned for last night at Wahconah Park to make up for shows canceled Saturday and Sunday, was itself rained out. Sally Filkins, associate administrative director, said the company will try again at 8 tonight and that all tickets held for the previous shows will be honored.

JUN 8 1982

Major League scouts slate tryout, clinic at Wahconah Park

The Major League Scouting Bureau, representing 18 of the 26 major league clubs, will conduct a tryout and instructional clinic at Wahconah Park Thursday. Registration will begin promptly at 9 a.m. All players must appear in full uniform and must be 16 to 25 years of age.

American Legion players must bring a letter of approval from either their Legion coach or the post commander in order to participate.

The purpose of these camps, which are held throughout the country, is to improve skills through instruction and to showcase youngsters for the attending major league scouts.

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July 4 parade committee opens office in Berkshire Common

The Pittsfield Fourth of July parade committee headquarters opened yesterday at the old James Jewelers store in the Berkshire Common, South Street level.

The headquarters will be manned daily by parade committee members and RSVP volunteers. It will be open from 11 to 5 Monday through Saturday and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Information regarding the parade and related activities may be obtained by contacting the committee at the headquarters.

This year the sale of raffle tickets will be handled by several groups as fund-raisers for their organizations. They are the Pittsfield Lodge of Elks, the Jaycees, the Pittsfield Center Lions Club and the Pittsfield High School Soccer Booster Club. First prize is 1,000; second, $200; third, $100; fourth and fifth, $50, and sixth through ninth, $25. The $1 tickets will be available at parade headquarters, from any of the above organizations or parade committee members. They also will be sold July 5 along the parade route as well as at a booth at Wahconah Park.

Also available at parade headquarters will be the free tickets to the U.S. Coast Guard concert at the Boys' Club July 3. There is a limit of 2,200 tickets available. Also on sale will be tickets to the "Tribute to America" show July 4 at Wahconah Park, $2 for adults and $1 for children, and tickets for the precision and pageantry 1982 drum corps competition to be held Aug. 16 at Wahconah Park, $6 in advance and $7 at the door. The July 3 and July 4 shows will start at 8 p.m. and the Aug. 16 show will be at 7:30 p.m.

Parade committee meetings will be held Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the headquarters. Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping on the day of the parade is invited to attend.

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Ray Lamont

SHOWING OFF his third-base prowess before Lenny Merullo, major-league scouting bureau director (left, with clipboard), Darryn Klemansky, a former Pittsfield High standout who now toils for AIC and the Dalton Collegians, makes the play during yesterday's open tryout camp at Wahconah Park. Over 100 players turned out for the event.

Wahconah Park

JUN 25 1982

Big league scouts visit Wahconah Park

Baseball hopefuls flock to tryout

By Ray Lamont

They came from places like Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Bradford, Vt., and Worcester. They represented virtually every high school and American Legion team in Berkshire County, the Dalton Collegians as well as teams like Gateway Regional, UMass, and the Hadley Burger King of the Tri-County League.

All in all, there were over 100 of them, most of them chasing a dream — the dream that perhaps someday, somehow, they would become Major League baseball players.

The Major League Scouting Bureau, which represents 18 of the 26 Major League teams, was in town yesterday to conduct an open tryout and clinic at Wahconah Park. And the tryout, the bureau's first-ever here and the only one this year in Western Mass., appeared to be a roaring success.

The one-day camp was part of a nationwide talent search conducted by the scouting bureau. It was one of five such camps scheduled for the New England area — there is also one today in Keene, N.H., and another Saturday in Waltham — with all five New England workouts under the direction of former Chicago Cub infielder Lenny Merullo, now a resident of Reading.

"We might get three players a year signed out of these New England camps — one year we had four," Merullo related. "But that's not really the purpose of these camps. The purpose of these workouts is to get into an area and get to know the players and the talent in that area. We know Pittsfield's a good baseball town — and this overall area is a good baseball area. That's why we're here."

The players' reasons for being here varied. Many were high school-age players, hoping to further their careers in college and maybe, just maybe, a little bit beyond that.

"I'm planning on going to college," said Kevin Kinne, who just completed his junior year at Monument Mountain and is a legitimate prospect at shortstop, "and I don't really think I'll get drafted, anyway. But I figured it couldn't hurt to get my name in. I just want to let these guys know who I am."

"When I first read about this thing in the paper, I didn't know if I wanted to go to it or not," said catcher Rick Guinan, a recent graduate of Mount Greylock. "I thought, why bother? But the more I thought about it, I figured, hey, it can't hurt. What have I got to lose? Besides, I thought it might be fun."

A number of candidates were a few years out of high school — and a little more intense. One who fit that category was John Napolitano, 21, of Cohoes, N.Y., who has played pro ball before and is now seeking a second shot at the big time.

Napolitano was drafted out of high school in 1978. "I was in the Indians' chain," he said. "I was with them a couple of years until I hurt my hand playing basketball. Then I got released."

That was in 1980. Now, two years later, Napolitano is hitting the comeback trail, pitching in the Albany Twilight League and taking in tryouts like the one here yesterday.

"A lot of baseball is who you know," Napolitano said. "I've seen guys hit the hell out of the ball and get released the next day. I want to let people know I'm still around. Somebody might know me, recognize the name, and I'll catch on with another team."

Some Berkshire County players yesterday seemed to impress the scouts, who numbered a few more than just the scouting bureau officials. One of those on hand, for example, was Red Sox New England scout Bill Enos.

Rob Coakley, a former Taconic High infielder who this spring played at Choate School and is now with the Dalton Collegians, was sharp at short. "Look at him," said scouting bureau assistant Dave Benoit of Arlington. "Good body position . . . good hand position . . . good arm . . . good everything."

And Drury's 16-year-old Kevin Chenail, the 6-foot-3 sophomore pitcher who started on the mound in the scrimmage, knocked 'em dead when he struck out two of the three batters he faced. "A babe in the woods . . . "mused Benoit as Chenail left the mound.

Yesterday's tryout began with timed sprints of 60 yards — the distance from second to home or first to third — and continued with players taking throws from their various positions.

"Those are the two big things," Merullo says. "Running and throwing — if you can't do those two things well, unless you're a really, really exceptional hitter, you can't make it. It's a tough thing to say, but it's true — that's just the way it is."

Here, if players couldn't run or throw up to snuff, that was it. When the scouts picked "teams" to play in a scrimmage game, the slower, weaker-throwing prospects were left behind.

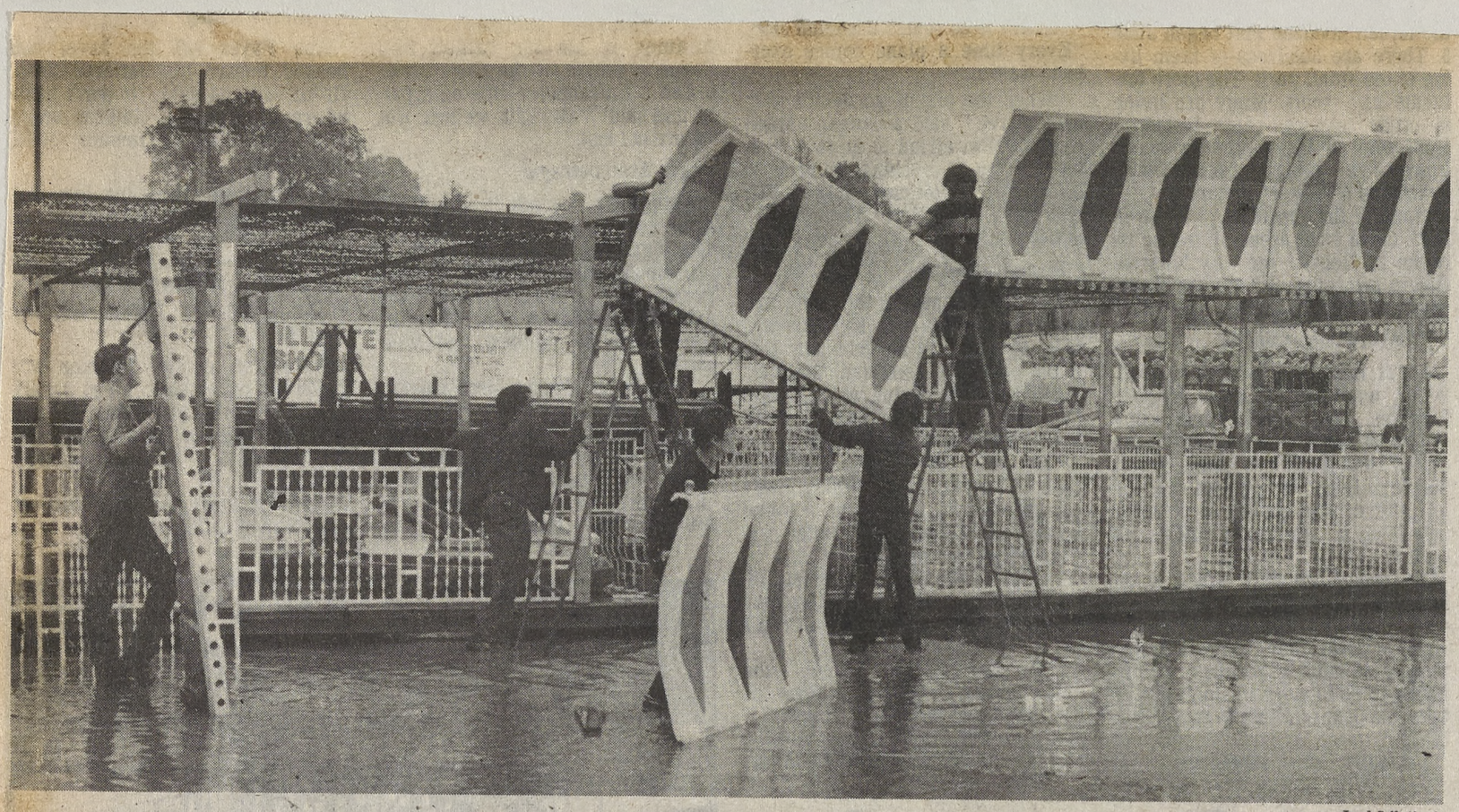
Wait 'til next year

One of those who did not make the grade was Guinan, who took it all in stride. "That's it, I'm cut," he cracked, gesturing in mock disgust. "Time to go home — Oh, well, it was fun while it lasted."

Rick Toniatti of McCann Tech, who just turned 16, asked Merullo what he could do to better his chances.

"The biggest thing you can do is to keep working at the game," Merullo told him. "Work on your speed, work on your throwing, and come back next year."

With that, the youngster thanked the scout and headed for the gate. Next year, perhaps he'll be back — still in pursuit of his dream.



Joel Librizzi

Pittsfield or Venice?

JUN 30 1982

Up to their ankles in water at Wahconah Park, workmen from Gillette Shows assemble the bumper car ride in preparation for a June 30 to July 5 carnival. Heavy rains yesterday flooded the park with Housatonic River overflow. Weather story, Page 9.

JUL 7 1982

1983 Legion regionals coming to Wahconah Park

The 1983 Northeast Regional American Legion baseball tournament will be hosted by Pittsfield Post 68 at Wahconah Park, Dick Bentley, Post 68's athletic manager, announced last night.

The regionals, which include state champions from the six New England states and New York, will be played in August, though the exact dates for the event have not yet been announced.

Bentley said the local post bid for the 1983 event earlier this year, and confirmation came last night from American Legion national headquarters in Indianapolis that Pittsfield had indeed been named as the regional tournament site.

"Now that we've got the tournament for sure, we're ready to start things in motion," Bentley said. "It's going to take a lot of planning and a lot of work, but we can do it — I know we can."

Pittsfield has never hosted a regional tournament, and when Post 68 gets in the Northeast playoffs as the host team next year, it will be the first time the local team has made the regionals since 1960 — when Pittsfield won the regional crown in Keene, N.H., and went on to play in the American Legion World Series. The last Berkshire County team to play in a regional tourney was the Tyler Aces, who won the states and made the Northeast event in 1974.

The regionals are an eight-team double-elimination tournament which runs for about a week. All tournament games will be played at Wahconah Park.

AUG 11 1982

Saturday concert slated to herald drum corps show

The Memphis Blues drum and bugle corps of Memphis, Tenn., will give a free performance Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Park Square in Pittsfield.

The group, which contains 140 youths aged 13 to 20, is coming to the Berkshires to compete against eight other nationally-ranked drum and bugle corps in the Precision and Pageantry '82 show Monday evening in Wahconah Park.

Pittsfield Downtown Associates and the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee will sponsor the free performance.

Tickets for the Precision and Pageantry competition are $6 in advance and $7 at the gate. They are available at the competition headquarters in the Berkshire Common, PM Music in the Allendale Underground, and Randall's Trophies on Tyler Street.



Susan Plageman

PARADING past the crowd following their performance at Wahconah Park is the Les Eclipses drum and bugle corps, a 110-member group from Montreal.

Drum corps competition

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they practice five or six hours a day, five days a week, in the summer and four hours a night, three nights a week, during the school year.

While some groups emphasize precise marching, he said, the Bridgemen like to clown around a little. "We don't go out to be perfect," he said. "We just like to get in front of people and show off."

In last night's show, the Bridgemen contributed such antics as setting up a bar and tables in the middle of the drill field. Behind a banner reading "Cotton Club," they played selections from Broadway musicals as the female members of their color guard pretended to wait on tables.

The first corps to receive a standing ovation was Alliance, a three-year-old group from Greater Boston. Dressed in red and white capes and black hats with feather plumes, they performed variations on popular jazz, rock and Broadway selections. And their color guard, wearing red sequined bonnets, did gymnastic leaps and splits in time to the music.

The Velvet Knights of Santa Ana, Calif., led off the evening with a show that was so tightly choreographed that there was a pause in the middle of a song for the players to simultaneously wipe sweat from their brows.

The competition was judged by a panel of 11 experts, who subtracted points from a perfect score of 100 for each missed step or note. They considered the corps for skill in horn playing, drum playing, color guard performance, marching and general effect. Each group was allowed to play for about 14 minutes.

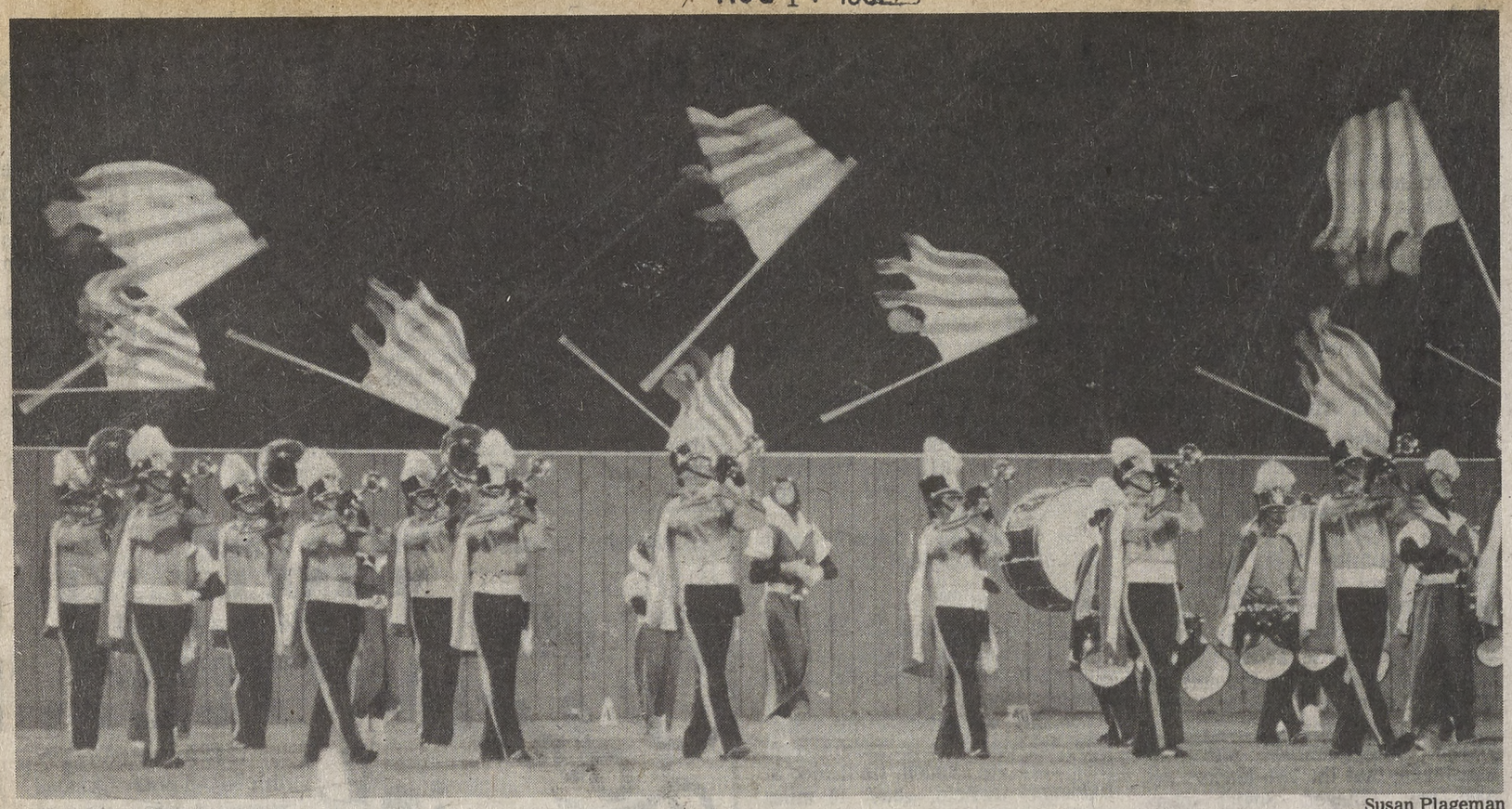
The groups were booked for the event by Drum Corps International, a non-profit organization that sanctions events throughout the United States, England, the Netherlands and Germany.

The awards for the best horn section and color guard went to the Garfield Cadets. The Bridgemen captured the title for best percussion, and Suzanne Blenski of the Milwaukee, Wis., Pioneers was named best drum major.

The order of overall finishers was:

Garfield Cadets; Crossmen of Philadelphia; Bridgemen; Cavaliers of Rosemont, Ill.; Defenders of Rockland (Mass.); Memphis Blues of Memphis, Tenn.; Alliance; Velvet Knights; Les Eclipses of Montreal and Pioneers.

AUG 17 1982



Susan Plageman

STANDING OVATION was won by the Alliance drum and bugle corps of Greater Boston as it performed before a packed Wahconah Park at the Precision and Pageantry '82 competition. The flying flags were tossed by the color guard.

10 Years Ago

The Pittsfield Police Department downed the Fire Department 10-9 in their annual charity softball game at Wahconah Park. Jim Leonard was named Most Valuable Player for the police, while John Rodick and Doug Pires shared the honors for the firemen.

United Fund drive chairman Robert C. Herklots announced appointment of Gary P. Scarafoni, vice president of Berkshire Bank & Trust Co., as vice chairman heading the promotion and public-relations division.

SEP 1 1982

SEP 9 1982

Govt. economies unseat Pittsfield football fans

By Bill Mahan
and Bob McDonough

The football bleachers and press box at Wahconah Park have apparently become the latest victims of Proposition 2½.

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Vincent J. Hebert said in a telephone interview last night that a manpower shortage in his department has forced a decision not to install a section of bleachers and the adjacent press box on the south side of the stadium.

Seating facilities for games at Wahconah Park this year will consist of the six-tier bleachers with a capacity of about 800 on the north side of the field near the fence, plus the baseball grandstand along the first and third base lines of the baseball diamond. The football field runs across the outfield.

Hebert said that the city is going to "try and make do" with the set-up this year because the reduced manpower in the Park Department presents problems in setting up and dismantling the facilities. He said his department has been reduced from 19 full-time workers to eight.

"The press box is the biggest problem," the superintendent said, "with the iron braces that have to be set up." The baseball grandstand is equipped with a public address system that Hebert said should be adequate. The system for football had been installed on top of the press box in past seasons.

If the planned arrangement is not satisfactory, volunteers would be needed to put the bleachers up, Hebert said. He noted that volunteers put up the bleachers for the drum corps competition Aug. 16 at the park.

The grandstand was used for football a few years ago for some early games while work was being done on the baseball infield but the bleachers were returned as soon as possible.

Hebert's announcement drew substantial criticism last night from all three head coaches of the local high school football teams, since the plan would keep hundreds of fans far away from the action on the field.

"I think it's a cheapskate way out, to punish the taxpayers of this town like that," Pittsfield High Coach Mike Murgo said. "People aren't going to sit in those [baseball] grandstands. If it's volunteers he needs, there are representatives of all three teams and booster clubs who will be willing to do what ever it takes."

"I'm sure nobody's going to sit in those other grandstands," Taconic Coach Buddy Pellerin offered. "I can't believe it's a serious proposal. How many man hours does it take to put in a grandstand?"

"You've got to be kidding," was the initial reaction when St. Joseph's Coach Bill LaGrant of Lee was told of the plan. "I think it's terrible. If the city of Pittsfield can't get enough people to do it, they ought to ask for volunteers instead of doing it this way."

Without the south side grandstands, the three local teams have been effectively stripped of their home side. All three local head coaches said that if the plan remains in effect, they will move the home side to the north side of the field.

The first game of the season is scheduled a week from tonight, when Pittsfield High hosts Cathedral of Springfield.

SEP 10 1982

New bleacher plan eyed for football

Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department, said yesterday he is working on an alternate plan that probably will make possible the installation of all the bleachers and the press box for football at Wahconah Park.

Because of the manpower shortage in the Park Department, the original plan for this season was to place the six-tier bleachers on the north side of the field and to use the baseball grandstand and press box instead of installing the bleachers and press box on the south side of the field.

Hebert said in a telephone conversation that he received several calls yesterday morning protesting the loss of the bleacher seats and also some offers for volunteer assistance in erecting the bleachers. He was not ready to announce his alternate plan until all the parts were in place.

Objections to the original plan were made because of the long distance between the grandstand and the football field, which would make it hard for fans to follow the game.

Good news for football fans

Bill Board

By Bill Mahan

SEP 11 1982



The news from Vin Hebert, superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation, that he is working on an alternate plan to get more bleachers and the press box up at Wahconah Park for the football season should make many people happy. Because budget cuts caused large reductions in Park Department personnel, this year's plan was to install a six-tier bleacher on the north side of the field and to use the baseball grandstand and public address system and press box instead of installing the south-side bleachers and football press box and public address setup.

The sports media people are definitely in the group glad to hear the facilities at the park probably will be similar to the past. The grandstand and press box are too far from the football field for accurate identification of players. Spectators sitting in the grandstand would have the same problem. The grandstand was used for some early-season games a few seasons back and just wasn't adequate.

We purveyors of the written word can always go down on the field and work along the sidelines. That is all right in good weather but a rainy day means a post-game session of trying to decipher a mess of soggy notes and statistics. Radio people are worse off. They have to be plugged into previously installed telephone lines so they need a high permanent vantage point. A high flat place near the field also is necessary to shoot the game films the teams need to correct mistakes and plan for other contests.

Actually, the 800 seats in the north-side bleachers would take care of the spectators at many of the games in recent years. The choice midfield seats would be considerably less than 800, however. Also, it is not preferable to have the rooting sections of both teams so close to each other, especially in a highly emotional game. There are some fans, though, who prefer to stand along the sidelines and the end zones no matter if there are 20,000 seats available.

Hebert said he isn't crying about Proposition 2½, which is responsible for the budget cuts. He recognizes it as a fact of life and is trying to run his department within the budget limitations.

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The North Little League is one organization that has seen the handwriting on the wall and has gone ahead on its own in upgrading its baseball facility on Springside Avenue near Brown Street rather than waiting for the city to come across with funds. With donated materials and labor from about 18 local contractors and businesses, and a dozen willing individual volunteers, a utility building was constructed this year in back of the backstop at the North field.

The cinder-block structure is 8 feet by 20 feet and about 9-feet high with reinforced concrete in the walls. The roof is prestress concrete and weighs about 8 tons. To have the structure built would have cost from $8,000 to $10,000, Jim Riddle, the North Little League field and equipment manager, said.

The league appreciates the permission of the Park Department to build on park property and to Hebert for assistance in getting the project going. Riddle said the work did not cost the league, the Park Department or the city one cent.

Riddle, a civil engineer for the city, drew up plans for the building. Besides being a storage facility for the maintenance and athletic equipment during the season, the structure has a large window in the rear that is a concession stand. Soda is sold at all the games and hot dogs are available at Sunday contests. The proceeds provide a free banquet for all the league players and trophies for the champions.

Two Lexan windows are installed in the side of the building facing the field. One is for the scorers for the games and the other is for the mothers working in the concession stands so they can watch their big leaguers of the future when they get up to bat.

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This season could be the last for Pittsfield native Mark Belanger as a major league ballplayer. Belanger was quoted in The Sporting News of Sept. 6 as saying he hasn't decided yet about next year.

"I'll evaluate everything at the end of the year," Belanger said. "Then I'll decide."

TSN carried a good-sized piece on the former Pittsfield High baseball and basketball star, this season as backup shortstop for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He became a free agent last year after 10 years with the Baltimore Orioles and was signed by the Dodgers to a one-year contract reportedly for $250,000.

The eight-time Golden Glove shortstop was told he was an "insurance policy." Regular shortstop Bill Russell had suffered a couple of injuries late last season and was a question mark. Russell, 33, is rated a better offensive player than Mark but Belanger at 38 is still considered one of the top defensive shortstops in the game.

The PHS graduate said in the article that he was a little disappointed at not playing more, but understands. He said he did not feel he was contributing to the team, which is in a hot battle for the championship of the National League West.

Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda sees it differently.

"Just having him on the club is a big lift," Lasorda stated. "He certainly knows the game; he's helped Billy [Russell] a lot out there at short, and should Russell get hurt, God forbid, we've got a pretty good guy to take his place."

If Mark decides this is it as a baseball player, he won't have to start looking at the help-wanted ads. He has been active for a couple of years in the off-season in a management concern in Baltimore that provides athletes with career and investment advice and he would be welcome there.

SEP 15 1982

Football seating assured

By Bill Mahan

There will be plenty of seats for all at football games at Wahconah Park this year, after all.

The 15-tier bleachers were installed on the south or home side of the field by Department of Parks and Recreation Department personnel in time for the soccer season opener last night between Pittsfield High and St. Joseph's and for the football opener tomorrow night between Pittsfield High and Cathedral.

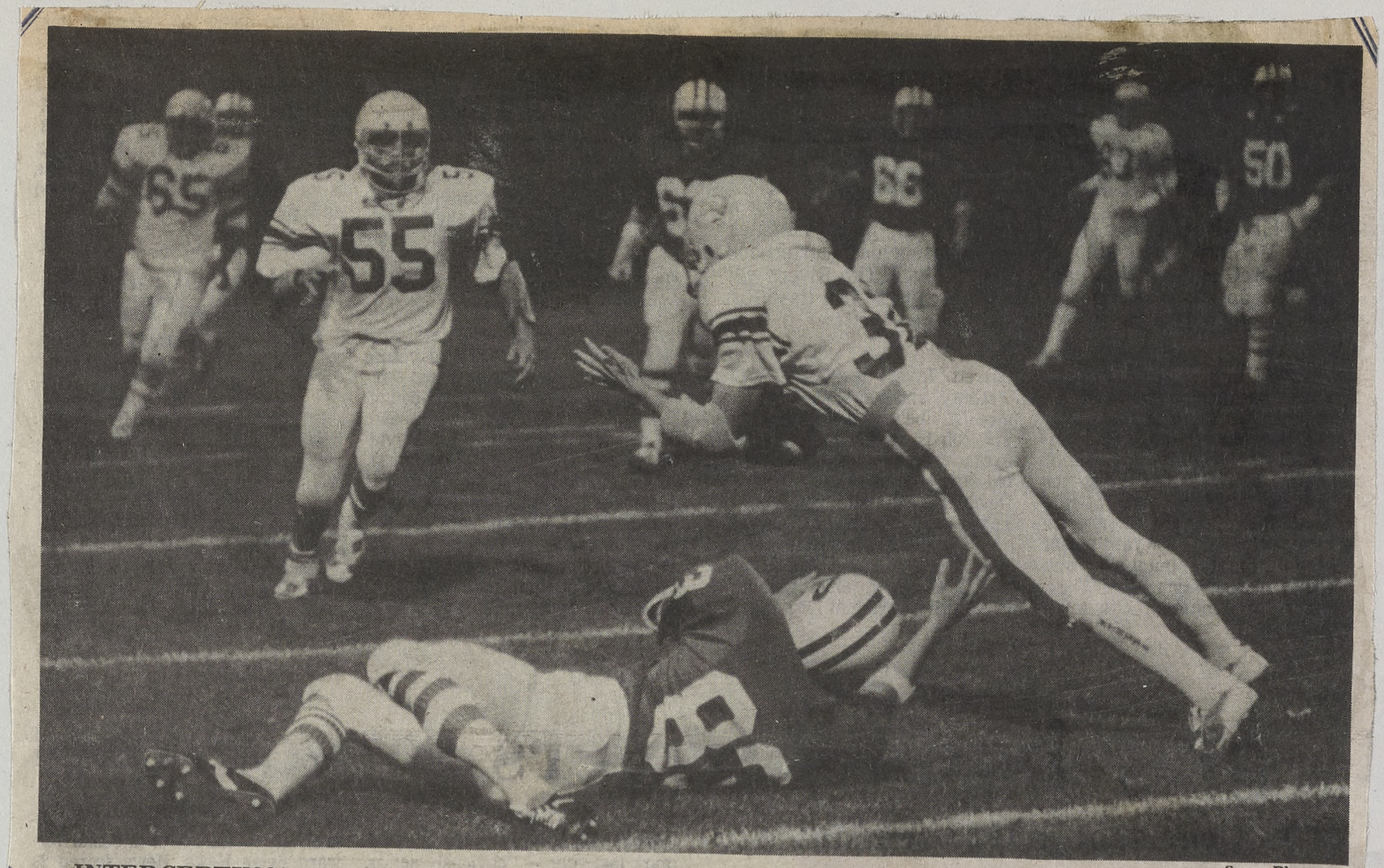
"We rearranged the work schedule and with extra effort by the maintenance force the bleachers are in place," Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department said yesterday in a telephone conversation. He gave the maintenance force highest praise for its speed in completing the job.

Hebert said the press box has not been put in place yet but expects it will be ready soon, "weather permitting." He explained heavy equipment is needed in the installation and the ground has to be firm and dry to bring the equipment in. If the press box is not finished by tomorrow night, the scoreboard will be operated from the baseball press box.

Hebert said he has talked to the coaches of the three local high school football teams, and each had promised to have six volunteers available if they are needed to complete the installation.

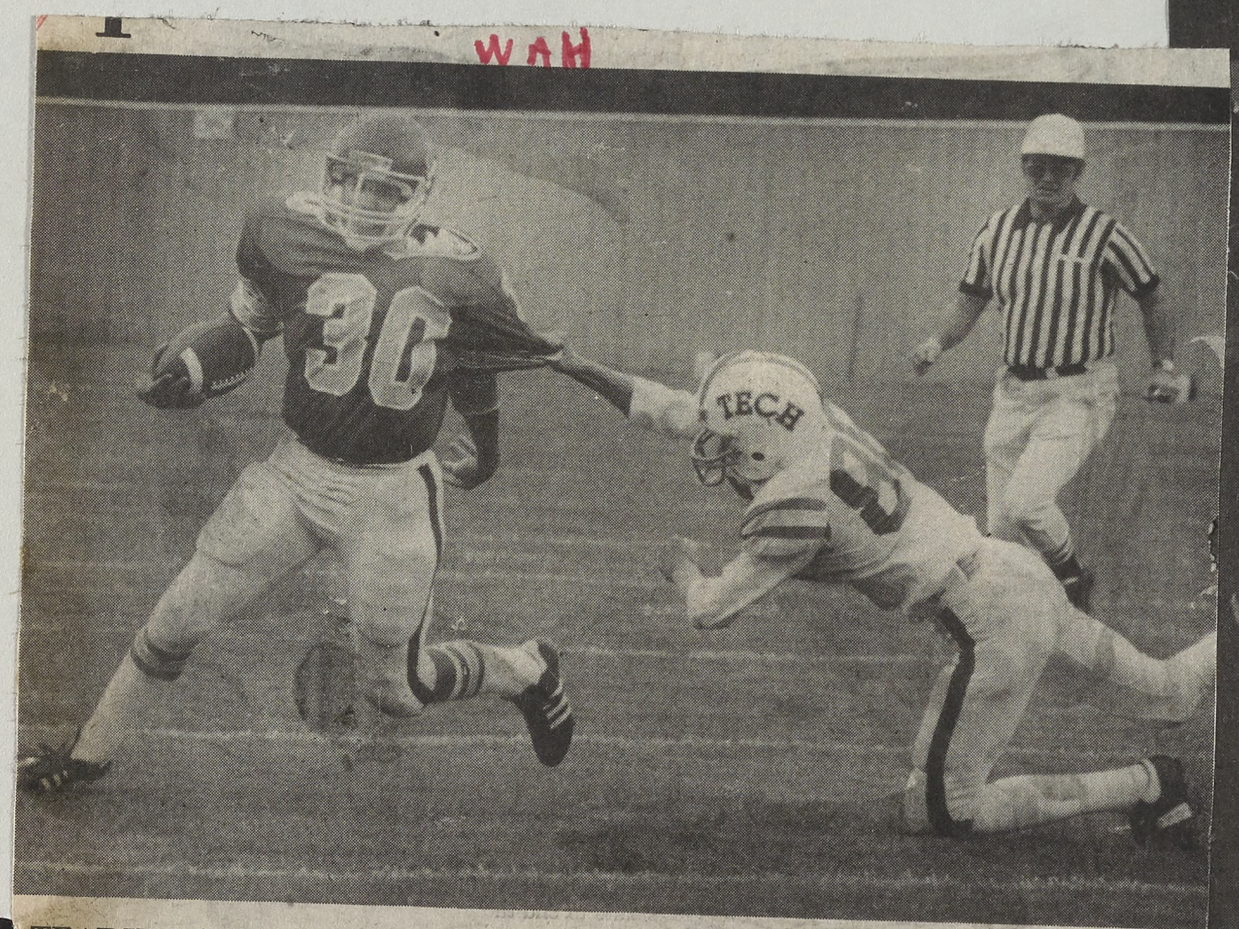
Because of the reduction of maintenance personnel in the Park Department due to budgets cuts, the original plan this year was to put up six-tier bleachers on the north side of the field and use the baseball grandstand and press box on the south side instead of installing the bleachers and press box.

The Park Department received several complaints, however, from interested persons who said the grandstand is too far from the field to furnish a good view of the games so Hebert changed the plans to set up the field as it has been.



Susan Plageman

INTERCEPTING this halfback option pass last night at Wahconah Park was Cathedral defender Rob Drane (32). The interception resulted on the first play from scrimmage for the Pittsfield offense in their opening game of the season. The pass was intended for Jay Parker (83), who fell on the play. Pittsfield lost the game 31-7. SEP 17 1982



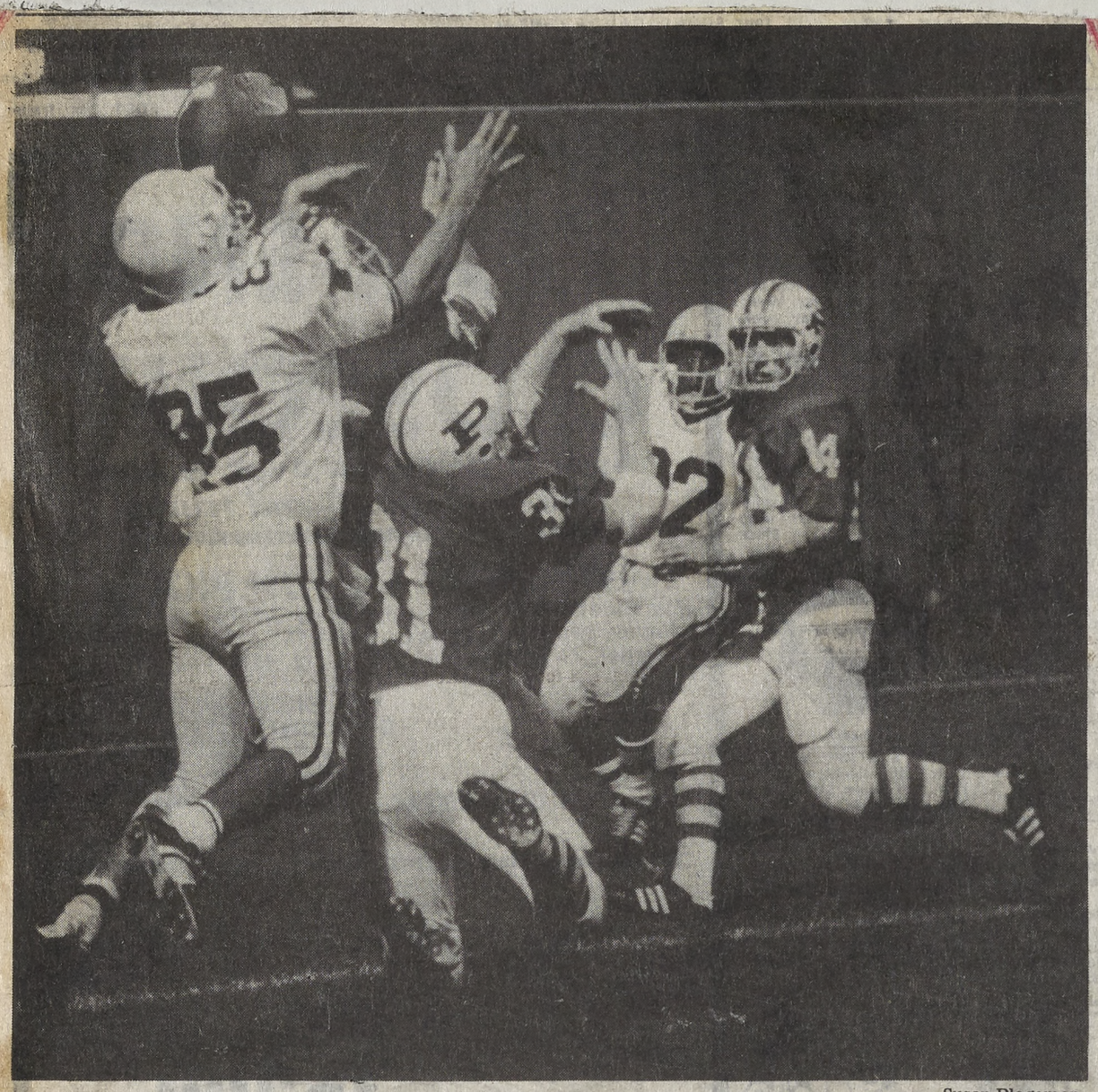
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TEARING LOOSE from an attempted tackle by McCann's Ron LaPointe is Crusader halfback Tim Rivers. Rivers broke away from LaPointe at about the 30 to complete a 45-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter. SEP 20 1982



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A SPLIT SECOND before the only goal of the game, Pittsfield High goalie Tony DeMartino reaches high to deflect this ball off the crossbar despite colliding with Wahconah's Tom Hazen during last night's soccer tilt at Wahconah Park. Wahconah's Ricky Kovacs, just left of Hazen, scored on the rebound and the Warriors won the contest 1-0. PHS defenders, from left to right, are Scott Durfee (22), Paul Malatesta and Laki Vazakas (14). SEP 22 1982



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BREAKING UP this last-second Hail Mary pass intended for Taconic's Frank Ott (85) on the final play of the first half last night at Wahconah Park are Pittsfield High defenders Paul Gaylord (31) and Ira Suckman (behind Gaylord). Pittsfield's Adam Krebs (14) watches the failed attempt.

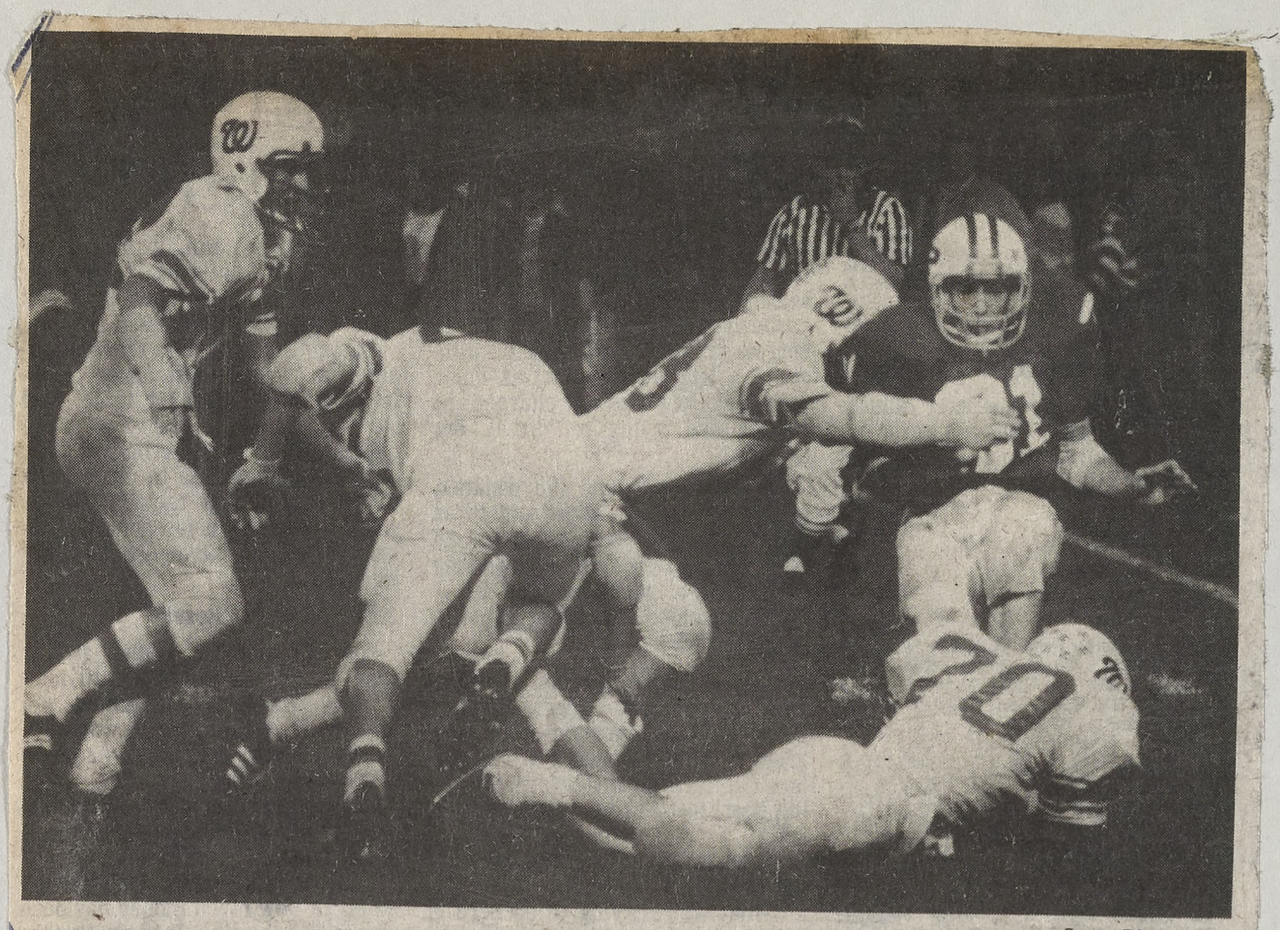
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SCAMPERING PAST a pile of Lee High tacklers, St. Joseph's running back Tim Rivers takes off on a 68-yard touchdown run during Saturday night's 27-0 victory over Lee at Wahconah Park. The Crusaders' star senior gained 275 yards.

SEP 27 1982



Susan Plageman

RUNNING INTO a host of Wahconah defenders last night at Wahconah Park is Pittsfield High runner Paul Gaylord (31). Darryl Darby (70) leads the Wahconah charge.

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OCT 15 1982

NASC soccer team slates Wahconah Park night tilt

Wahconah Park will host its first college soccer game ever next Tuesday, as North Adams State College plays Castleton (Vt.) State in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

The regular-season game was moved from North Adams to Pittsfield at the request of NASC coach Ron Shewcraft in an effort to boost area interest in the sport.

"What I'm hoping to do is make it a yearly thing," Shewcraft said last night. "We'd like to use college soccer, as the highest level of soccer in the county, as a focal point for soccer in general. It would be real nice to get a good crowd and maybe help create a little more interest in soccer."

The game is being billed as Berkshire High School Soccer Night, with all area high school players in uniform admitted for $1. Regular admission for the game is $2. Shewcraft said the high school teams present will be acknowledged during halftime.

North Adams State currently stands 4-7-1 and Castleton State is 9-4. Among the players on the NASC roster are former Pittsfield High standout Dean DiMassimo of Pittsfield, a midfielder-forward, forward Jack Hathaway of Lenox and goalie Ray Sullivan of Williamstown.

OCT 15 1982

Four events allowed at Wahconah Park

The Park Commission granted four requests for use of Wahconah Park at its meeting Monday.

Girls' soccer teams from Pittsfield and Taconic high schools will play under lights tonight for the city championship, and the boys' soccer teams from the same schools will play at the park the night of Oct. 29.

Alumni from Pittsfield and Taconic high schools will play football at the park Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. Last year's alumni game at the park netted $200 for the city's junior football program and $855 for the city athletic fund and benefited the booster clubs at both schools.

The board also voted to permit the Pittsfield 4th of July Parade Committee to stage an event at Wahconah next July 3.

In addition, the PHS Latin Club was given permission to hold a catapult tournament at Brattlebrook Park on Nov. 20.

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CLOSING IN to stop Mount Anthony runner Tim Foster (40) last night at Wahconah Park are Taconic defenders Mitch Herrick (25) and Eric Falkowski (68). Foster rushed for 102 yards (80 in the first half), but Taconic won the contest 22-7.

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COLLEGE SOCCER drew 290 in its Wahconah Park debut last night as North Adams State played Castleton State. North Adams won the game 3-0, with Pittsfield's Dean DiMassimo picking up a goal and an assist.

OCT 20 1982

PHS, Taconic girls meet tonight in Wahconah Park tilt

The Pittsfield High and Taconic girls' soccer teams will meet tonight at 7 in a Berkshire County League game under the lights at Wahconah Park.

Taconic will go into tonight's game with a record of 5-6-1, while Pittsfield sports a 3-6-2 mark. Tonight's game will mark the final time the two city rivals will meet this season.

The game is the only girls' soccer game scheduled for today.

There is, however, one boys' game, with Taconic scheduled to meet Housatonic Valley Regional in an independent game at Falls Village, Conn. The Braves will take an overall record of 2-6-3 into that clash.

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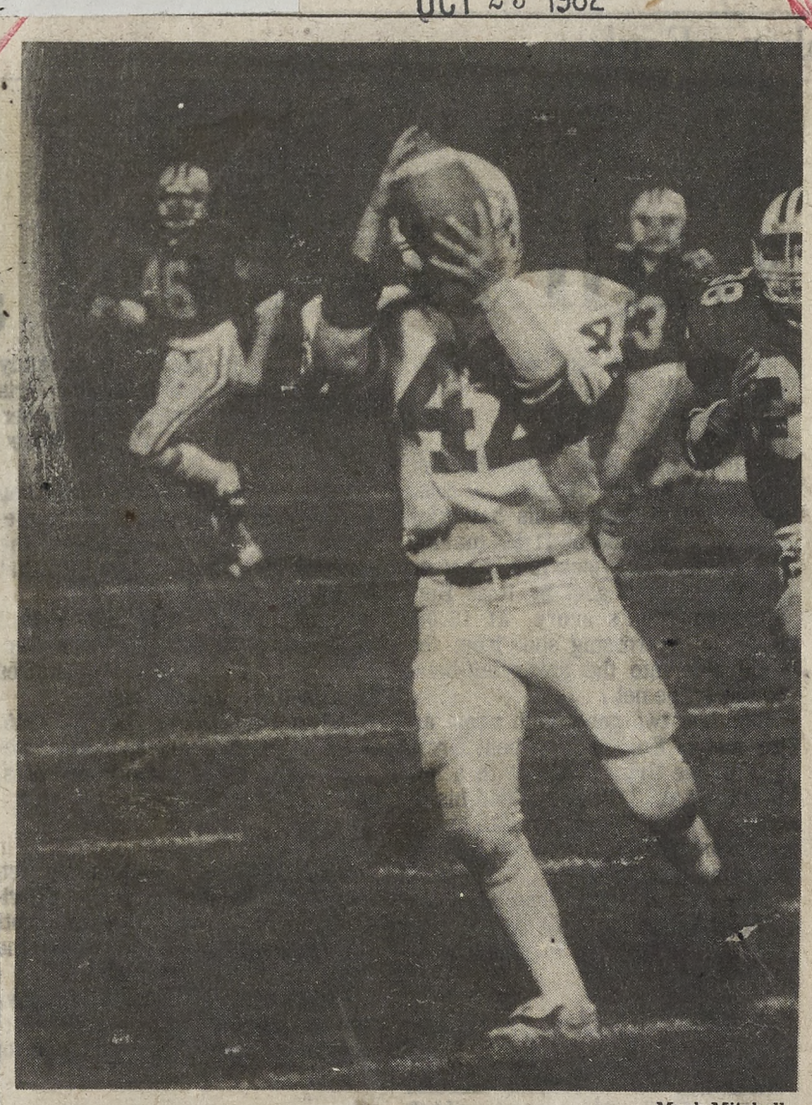


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AIRBORNE ENCOUNTER between Taconic's Karen Deloye, left, and Pittsfield's Vicki Carty stops the progress of the ball during last night's girls' soccer game at Wahconah Park. Pittsfield's Dianne Sacco is in the background. Taconic won 1-0.

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OCT 23 1982



Mark Mitchell

MASKED by the football during one of several long gains last night at Wahconah Park is Drury running back Shawn Mellin. Mellin rushed for 110 yards in helping the Blue Devils to a 28-7 win over Taconic.



HEAVY TRAFFIC in the middle of the field during last night's Pittsfield-Taconic soccer game came when Pittsfield's Paul Malatesta (13, in dark shirt) and Taconic's Ralph Cianflone went up to head the ball while Taconic's Greg Schillaci (13, light shirt) and Pittsfield's John McCaffrey await the rebound. PHS won the game 2-0. WAHCONAH PARK

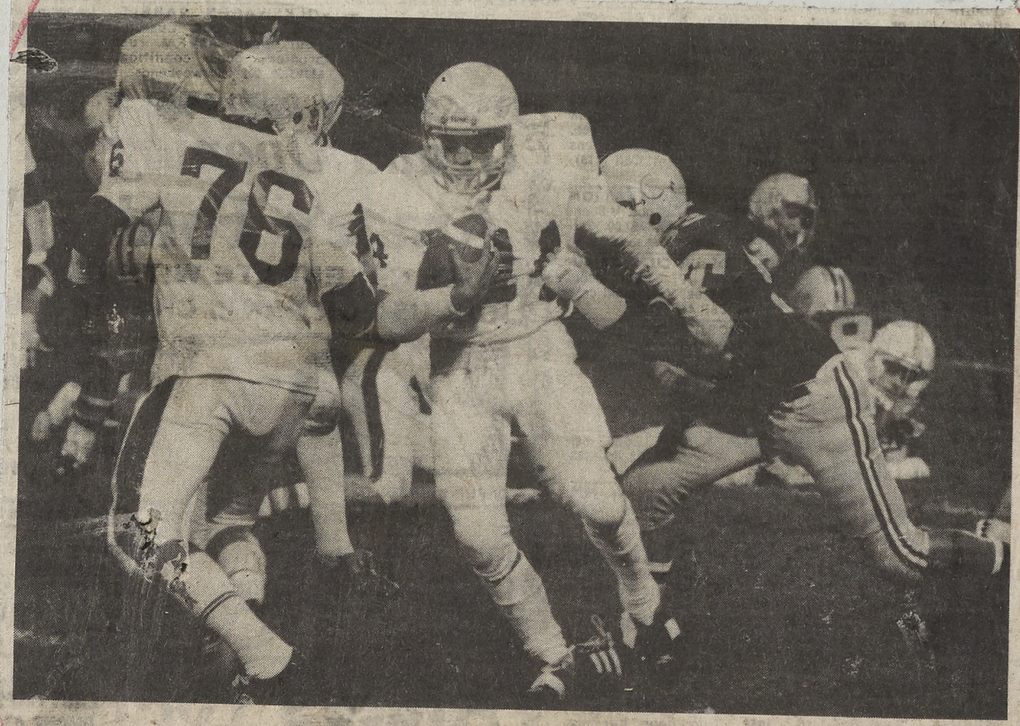
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HITTING THE HOLE is Crusader halfback Tim Rivers en route to a 29-yard, fourth-quarter scoring jaunt against Commerce Saturday at Wahconah Park. Rivers rushed for four touchdowns in St. Joseph's 26-0 victory.

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STRUGGLING for extra yardage as teammate Tony Rodriguez (76) looks on is Drury wingback Jack Racette (14) in first-half action against Taconic last night at Wahconah Park.

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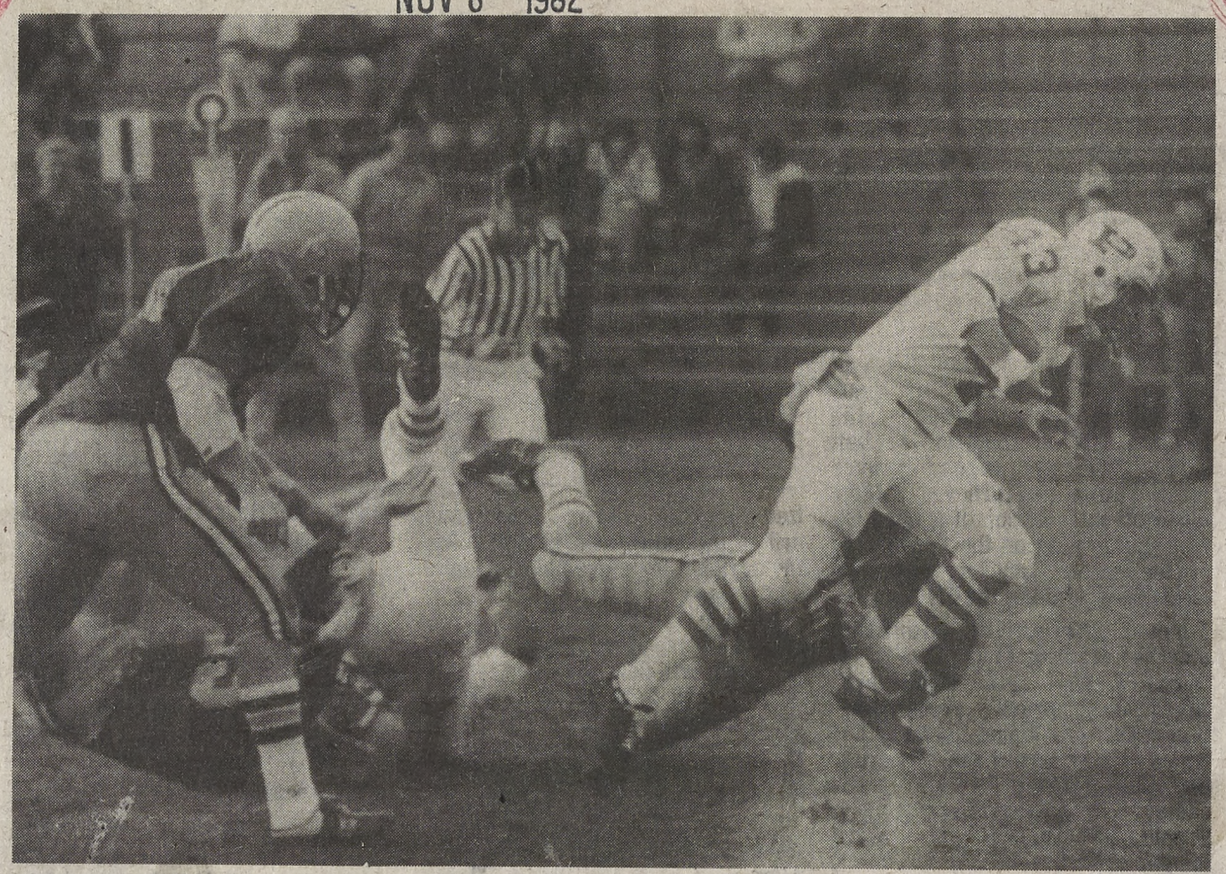


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LEFT JAB by Taconic goalkeeper Tom DuBois punches this ball out of the goal area during last night's game against Pittsfield High at Wahconah Park. Joining the action, from left to right, are Pittsfield's Joe Kamienski (7), Matt Casteel and Peter Farley, Taconic's Brian Lawton (12), and Braves John Larkin (9) and Kevin Stannard (2). PHS won the game 1-0.

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Ray Lamont

DRIVING for yardage, Pittsfield High fullback Jeff Wallace (43) is brought down by Taconic's Frank Ott during first-quarter action in Saturday's Jaycee Bowl game at Wahconah Park. Wallace rushed for 105 yards as PHS beat Taconic 21-15.

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Joel Librizzi

OFF AND RUNNING on a 28-yard gain, Taconic's Shane McColgan shakes off Pittsfield tacklers Mark Morgan (82) and Rob Aulisio during second-quarter of yesterday's alumni football game at Wahconah Park. Pittsfield - 7 - 0

FEB 3 1982

Wild Acres pavilion fee hiked

The Park Commission voted unanimously last night to raise the group fee for use of the picnic pavilion at Wild Acres from $25 to $40.

Park Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert said Wild Acres already is almost completely reserved for the summer. People who have called to reserve the pavilion have been informed that the fee might be increased.

The commission has been studying the possibility of increasing fees or levying new ones for swimming and tennis classes, softball permits and other programs offered by the Park Department, whose budget has been curtailed sharply by the restraints of Proposition 2½.

Hebert said one possibility is to set up a revolving fund, subject to the approval of the mayor and City Council, that would allow money collected for a particular activity to revert back to the activity, up to a maximum of $5,000. Now, revenues must be returned to the city's general fund.

However, Hebert said, regulations stipulate that money in such a revolving fund cannot be used to pay wages or purchase equipment.

Several commissioners questioned what the money could be used for, if not for personnel or equipment.

"The material has to be digested," Hebert said. "Let's do our homework."

Park Commissioners John C. Curletti and Roger B. Sloper agreed to serve on a committee with Chairman Paula J. Virgilio to study the options.

MAR 17 1982

Rotary Club assumes sponsorship of kids' fishing derby

The Pittsfield Rotary Club has agreed to sponsor the children's trout fishing derby to be held Sunday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wild Acres, Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy has announced.

The city traditionally sponsors the derby, but is unable to this year because of Proposition 2½, Controy said.

"We are indeed fortunate that civic-minded organizations in the city are willing to help a worthy cause," he added.

Controy also announced that the Pittsfield Exchange Club will hold a Monte Carlo night Sunday, March 21, at the Stanley Club, beginning at 3 p.m. Proceeds will be donated for another stocking of trout in preparation for a fishing derby for the handicapped of Berkshire County that will be held at a later date.

Prizes and supervision for the derbies will be furnished by the Park Department, the Pond Fish Stocking Commission, Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club and civic club members.

APR 30 1982

Money obtained for Wild Acres fishing derbies

Those local rites of spring, the Wild Acres fishing derbies, will take place as usual this year but under mixed sponsorship.

In the past, money to stock trout for the derbies was part of the city budget. It was cut out this year because of Proposition 2½, and Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy appealed to civic organizations to donate the approximately $4,400 needed to buy about 2,000 fish.

But even after contributions, the fund was short $1,600. Tuesday night, the City Council approved an appropriation for that amount.

Controy said two children's fishing derbies, sponsored by the Rotary Club, will be held May 15 and 16. Later, at dates to be selected, there will be a derby for the handicapped under Exchange Club sponsorship and a two-day fishing derby for senior citizens sponsored by the city.

There will be two separate fish stockings for the events, he said.

May 14, 1982

Fishing derby set for children

The annual children's fishing derby will be held Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wild Acres. The derby is open to boys and girls ages 6 through 14.

Prizes will be given to the boys and girls catching the first three tagged fish each day. The limit is five fish per day.

The stocking of approximately 1,500 rainbow and brook trout will be supervised by the City Pond Fish Committee.

Wild Acres will be closed today and Wednesday for stocking.

The derby this year is sponsored by the Pittsfield Rotary Club with the assistance of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Conservation Commission, the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, the Pittsfield Red Cross and students in the environmental course at Berkshire Community College.



Mark Mitchell

The fish were biting

May 17, 1982

Some 623 youngsters turned out for fishing derby at Wild Acres over the weekend. Story on Page 5.

MAY 26 1982

Exchange Club donates $1,000 to children's fund

Pittsfield Exchange Club president Nicholas F. Klangos presented a check for $1,000 to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children director Thomas Duane on May 18 at the Stanley Club.

The Exchange Club will also forward $500 to the national Exchange Club child abuse prevention program.

The funds were raised by the local club through several of their annual fund-raising events, such as Monte Carlo night, a wine tasting night and a variety show. Anthony Crea, the club's president-elect, was chairman of the drive.

Wild Acres closed during weekdays

Wild Acres is now closed Mondays through Fridays but will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to dark until Sept. 27, according to the Park Department, which maintains the area.

SEP 15 1982

Winter Carnival contestants will begin button sale tonight

Ten Winter Carnival queen contestants will begin the sale of carnival buttons this evening after a kickoff dinner, according to Miss Pamela M. Bertoldi, queen's committee chairman.

The contestants and their mothers will be the guests of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. at a dinner at the Stanley Club.

Each contestant must sell a minimum of 1,000 buttons to be eligible to compete for the title of queen or lady-in-waiting at the queen's coronation ball Feb. 5 at Itam Lodge. A panel will judge the contestants on personality, poise, appearance, expression and understanding of the Winter Carnival activities.

The sale of buttons is a separate contest and has no bearing on the judging of the queen or lady-in-waiting. The contestant selling the most buttons will be given a special award by the Winter Sports Committee.

Assisting Miss Bertoldi is Ms. Debra Bertoldi and Mrs. Carl Peaslee. Reigning Winter Carnival queen is Miss Hope Mesnig, and lady-in-waiting, Miss Carol Pulver. Contestants are:

Diane J. Albano, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Albano, 65 Hawthorne Ave. A Taconic High School graduate, she is a student in the medical assistant program at McCann Technical School in North Adams. She is a part-time unit coordinator at the Berkshire Medical Center and works with the Special Olympics.

In high school, Miss Albano was on the ski team, a member of the student advisory and prom committees and on the yearbook staff. A former Girl Scout, Diane is a Girls Club swimming instructor, orator of Itam Junior Lodge for the past two years and is a lector at St. Mark's Church.

Miss Albano is sponsored by the Itam Lodge and plans to specialize in rehabilitation as a physical therapist.

Deborah A. Fredenburg, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Janice Fredenburg, 190 Allengate Ave., and Donald Fredenburg, 10 Meadow Lane, Lenox.

She is a volunteer at the Senior Center, a member of the Morningside Baptist Church youth group and choir, Town Players, Proteus-PHS drama club, Girls Club, Massachusetts Audubon Society and Junior Achievement. She is on the honor roll at Pittsfield High School and received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Association.

Miss Fredenburg would like a career in public relations or as an entertainer.

Hilary J. Johnson, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Joy Johnson, 16 Gale Ave. and Richard Johnson, 372 Peck's Road.

A senior at Taconic High School, Miss Johnson is on the yearbook staff, taught swimming at the Girls Club, is president of the Senior High Fellowship at South Congregational Church, where she helps with Sunday school, and is a member of the choir. She is a part-time lifeguard at the YMCA and during the summer is a program girl at Tanglewood.

Miss Johnson, who is sponsored by the Police Association, plans to attend college after high school.

Sandra A. Larson, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Larson, Constitution Drive, Lanesboro. She is a senior at Mount Greylock Regional High School.

She is a busgirl at the Spring's Restaurant. At Mount Greylock, she is on the softball and soccer teams, the yearbook staff, a member of the National Honor Society and the Leo Club. Secretary-treasurer of her class in 9th and 10th grades, she is a senior adviser for the 8th grade.

Miss Larson is sponsored by Matt Reilly's Restaurant in Lanesboro. She would like to get a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Kim M. Meleca, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meleca of 67 Gale Ave. She is a senior at St. Joseph's High School.

She is employed and sponsored by Meleca's Mini Mall.

Miss Meleca graduated from the Barbizon School of Modeling, worked at the Special Olympics and is on the executive board of the student council at St. Joseph's. She plans a career in law.

Beth A. Mogavero, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Carol Gordon, 35 New Hampshire Ave. A senior at Pittsfield High School, she is employed by George's Variety Store.

Miss Mogavero is the first vice president of the General Electric Engineering Post 120, layout editor for the Pittsfield High School yearbook, on the prom committee, an alternate for Girls State, co-captain of the American Cancer Society drive and of the Arthritis Foundation drive and a member of both the Pep Club and New England Math League. Her goal is to be an engineer in either the bio-medical or aeronautical fields.

Tina M. Negri, 17, is the daughter of Ms. Marion Negri, 32 Greenway St. A senior at Taconic, Miss Negri is a nurse's aide and feeder at the Berkshire Nursing Home.

She is a home room representative, on the prom committee and a member of the yearbook club. She has also completed the Seventeen Modeling Course and is an assistant Girl Scout leader.

She plans a career in fashion merchandising or nursing.



Tina Negri



Hilary Johnson



Leslie Wetherell

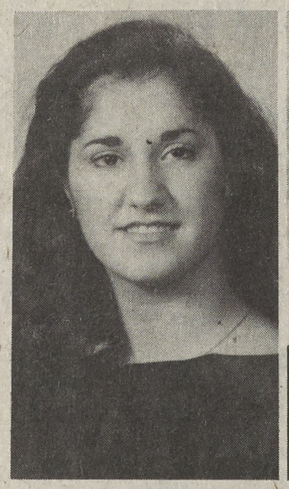


Beth Magavero



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Linda Sullivan



Kim Meleca



Sandra Larson



Deborah Fredenburg



Diane Albano



Tina Talora

Linda A. Sullivan, 20, is the daughter of Mrs. Sullivan of 161 New Lenox Road, Lenox and the late John L. Sullivan. She is a sophomore nursing student at Our Lady of the Elms College. She works weekends and part time as a nurse's aide at the Valley View Nursing Home.

While a student at Lenox Memorial High School, she was a cheerleader for the basketball and soccer teams, a Lenox junior miss contestant and a member of Up with People. She was an Elms College 50th Anniversary hostess and participated in the sophomore show.

Future ambitions include becoming a nurse practitioner, emergency medical technician and eventually receiving a doctorate in nursing.

Tina M. Talora, 17, is the older daughter of Mrs. Carol Talora, 253 Wahconah St. and Guisepee Talora, 15 Wealthy Ave. She is a senior at Taconic High School and is employed and sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Miss Talora teaches swimming to special education children and belonged to Junior Achievement.

After finishing college she would like to become a computer mathematician.

Leslie S. Wetherell, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wetherell, 930 West St. A senior at Taconic High, she is employed by Adams Superama.

She is a member of the First Baptist fellowship and choir. At Taconic, she captains the swim team.

Leslie would like to become a cruise director and do some extensive traveling.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. John D. Pagano was installed as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Glendale Fire Department in ceremonies at the firehouse. Others installed were Mrs. Gary Hawkins, vice president, Mrs. Christopher Pigott, secretary, and Mrs. John A. Miller, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Talbot of Richmond were winners in the old-fashioned-costume category at a skating party held at Wilde Sports Center in Lenox. The event was sponsored by the winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation as part of the annual winter carnival.

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Mark Mitchell

LEADING THE WAY in the Francis Douglas Memorial 3,000-meter race Saturday in the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships at Pontoosuc Lake are Al Forsythe, right, of Windsor, Conn., and Tom Knapik of Ballston Spa, N.Y. Forsythe won the race, which was open for the first time to juniors and intermediates as well as senior men. Knapik won the Senior A men's division championship.

SPORTS

Three PPSC skaters win division crowns

Three members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club captured division championships in the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships at Pontoosuc Lake Saturday and yesterday. Alex Goguen was the winner in the Senior C men's division and Karl Franz took the honors in the intermediate boys' class. Marka Mendonsa won the title for the pony girls.

Other division champions were: Senior B men, John Abruzzese, Medford; Senior A men, Tom Knapik, Ballston Spa, N.Y.; Senior women, Barby Keith, Framingham; junior boys, Pat Seltsam, Pembroke; junior girls, Monika Reichmann, Selkirk, N.Y; juvenile boys, George Nowell, Winchester; juvenile girls, Debbie Nowell, Winchester; midget boys, Brian Clark, Loudonville, N.Y.; midget girls, Kristen Talbot, Schuylerville, N.Y.; pony boys, Danny French, Saratoga, N.Y.; peewee boys, Kyle Brown, Saratoga, N.Y.; peewee girls, Many D'Andrea, Saratoga, N.Y.

Goguen won six races, the 500 meters, the 1,000, 1,500, 300, 800 and the 3,000. Franz had firsts in the 3,000, 500 and 1,500, seconds in the 800 and 1,000 and a third in the 300. Mendonsa took first places in the 100, 400 and 200 and a third in the 300.

Five other PPSC members placed. Junior boy Joe Franz won the 1,500 meters and was runner-up in the 1,000, 500, 800 and 300. Midget girl Heather Vilot of Lee placed second in the 500, 400, 300 and 100. Midget girls Jody Merriam was third in the 300, 400 and 500.

Juvenile girl Janice Bromback took third in the 300 and fourths in the 400, 600 and 800. Pony boy Mike Ouellette had a fourth in the 400.

A field of 65 skaters competed in the meet. Trophies were presented to division champions and medals to the first, second and third-place finishers in the final events. Novice races for club members were held and placers were awarded ribbons.

Juvenile-midget girl June Bromback won all four novice races in her division. Tammy Armstrong had two seconds and two thirds. Michelle Nardin of Lee two seconds and a third and Kim Merriam two fourths. She also took two seconds in the novice pony races.

In the peewee events Missy Vilot of Lee had two firsts and Marie Mendonsa a first and second. Pony boy Jason Vanhoenader won two races.

Goguen at 61 years of age was the oldest skater in the meet. The local club also had the youngest peewee novice in Marie Mendonsa and the youngest peewee in Marisa Mendonsa.

The races were run in bitter cold weather of sub-zero temperatures yesterday with a wind chill factor that made it feel many degrees lower. Mrs. Carl Peaslee, chairwoman of the meet, said there might have been some minor frostbite but no one required medical attention. Conditions Saturday were good for the races.

The skating meet was part of the 37th annual Winter Carnival. The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. was host for the event.

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Carnival Committee sets skating meet for weekend

The Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships will take place this weekend at Pontoosuc Lake. The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will be host for the event as part of the 37th annual Winter Carnival.

The races will be held in front of Itam Lodge, which will serve as meet headquarters. The races will start Saturday afternoon at 1 and Sunday morning at 11, according to Mrs. Carl Peaslee who heads the meet committee.

Speed skaters from throughout the northeast and possibly Canada will compete. The shortest race will be the 100-meter event for the peewee class and the longest will be the 5,000-meter Francis E. Douglas Memorial Race, sponsored by the Pittsfield Exchange Club. In the past the race was for senior men only but this year it will be open to juniors and intermediates as well.

JAN 19 1982

Fred P. Garners named heads of carnival ball

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Garner have been named chairmen of the annual coronation ball Feb. 5 at Itam Lodge.

The ball is the culmination of the annual queen contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. Music for dancing will be by the Lou Lombardi trio from 9 to 1.

Tickets at $6 a couple and table reservations may be obtained at the Park Department office, from Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee or the committee chairmen. Tables seat 10 people.

Queen contestants who have sold the quota of carnival buttons during the three weeks of the button sale will be interviewed by a panel of three out-of-town judges. The judges will select the new queen and her lady-in-waiting.

JAN 21 1982

Carnival ski race slated Sunday at Springside Park

The 37th annual Winter Carnival cross country ski race will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Springside Park, race chairman Robert J. Zuber announced Tuesday.

Entry blanks are available at Springside House and can be obtained until the race begins. There are five age categories and there will no entry fee for the 5-kilometer race, Zuber said.

JAN 23 1982

Ice fishing derby, golf tournament on Pontoosuc Sunday

Two Pittsfield Winter Carnival events postponed from last Sunday because of the weather have been rescheduled for tomorrow at Pontoosuc Lake.

They are the ice fishing derby and the golf-on-ice tournament, both sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee.

Hours for the fishing derby will be 8 to 2, with registrations accepted until 1 at headquarters in J.W.'s Lakeview Restaurant. A variety of prizes will be awarded.

The nine-hole golf-on-ice tournament will begin at noon in front of the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge. A $1 registration fee will be payable at the tournament site.

JAN 14 1982

Mayor Smith requests snowmobiles to shun lake skating area

Mayor Charles L. Smith yesterday issued an appeal to snowmobile operators to stay away from the skating rink that has been prepared at Pontoosuc Lake for this weekend's Winter Carnival skating races.

Last year, Smith said, the rink "got chewed up by snowmobiles. It made it dangerous for the speed skaters."

The Parks Department has cleared and watercoated the area, Smith said, "to make it nice and smooth and glassy" for the races Saturday and Sunday.

JAN 15 1982

Golf-on-ice tournament set Sunday

A nine-hole golf-on-ice tournament will be held Sunday at noon in front of the Itam Lodge on Pontoosuc Lake.

The event, which is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc., has a $1 registration fee, payable at the tournament site.

JAN 14 1982

Fishing derby slated Sunday on Pontoosuc

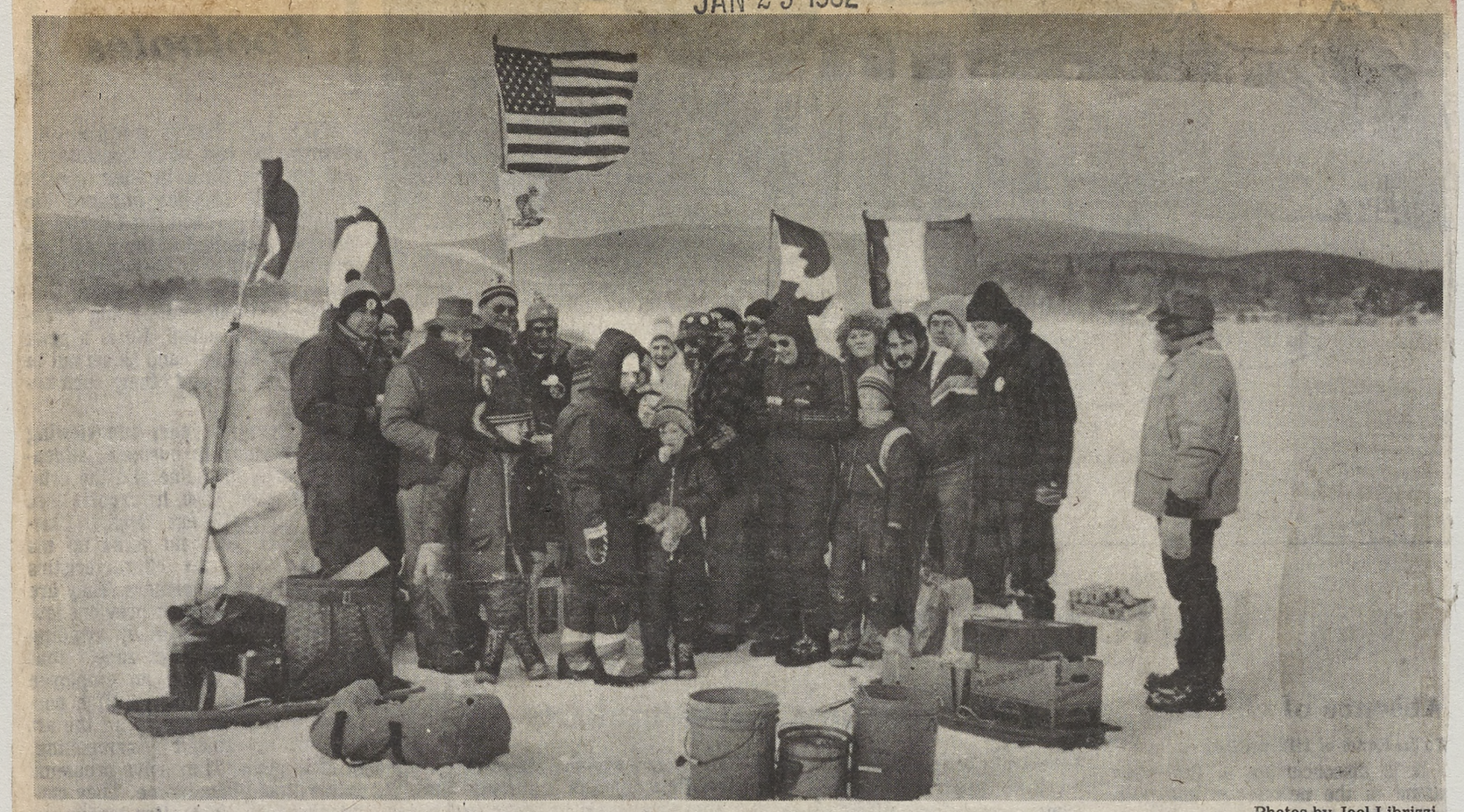
Pontoosuc Lake will be the scene Sunday of the annual Winter Carnival ice fishing derby sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with registrations accepted until 1 p.m., at headquarters in J.W.'s Lakeview Restuarant. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in four divisions (men, women, boys and girls) for the largest and longest fish. A special prize will be given to the family having the most members registered.

Fishing licenses must be shown on outer garment of all persons 15 years of age and older.

James H. Frank is chairman of the derby, which is being directed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Conservation Commission, the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Environmental Studies Division of Berkshire Community College.

JAN 25 1982



Photos by Joel Librizzi

HUDDLED in the shelter of a flag-bedecked canvas windbreak, members of the Turtle Club, a local fishing organization, take a break during ice fishing derby Sunday at Pontoosuc Lake.

Pike top ice derby catches

Three northern pike, a species introduced illegally into the lake in recent years, topped all catches in the 37th annual Winter Carnival ice fishing derby yesterday at Pontoosuc Lake. The event attracted 73 competitors.

Robert Healey of 641 Lakeway Drive took top honors for heaviest fish in the men's division with an 8-pound, 2-ounce pike. Joseph Week, 762 South Main St., Lanesboro, was second with a catch weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Matthew Fields, Bull Hill Road, Lanesboro, checked in a 29¼-incher for longest fish in the men's division. James Zaik, 36 Mountainview Drive, was runner-up to Fields with an 18¼-inch pickerel.

Other divisions

Other prize winners by divisions were:

Boys — Brian Walak, 23 Chestnut St., Dalton, perch, 13 ounces; Eric McNichol, Williamstown, perch, 8 ounces; Bill McNichol, Williamstown, perch, 7 ounces; Dan Leary, 112 Madison Ave., pickerel, 24¼ inches; A.J. Duclos, Church Street, Hinsdale, perch, 10 inches; Carl Smith, son of Mayor Charles L. Smith, 182 Hancock Road, perch, 8¾ inches.

Girls — Michelle Weed, 762 South Main St., Lanesboro, pickerel, 1 pound, 8 ounces; Katy Archey, 118 Fort Hill Ave., perch, 11⅛ inches long.

Women — Jean Wood, 21 Sadler Ave., perch, 9 ounces; Theresa Simoneau, 115 Memorial Drive, perch, 9¾ inches.

A special prize for largest family group in the derby was won by the Jerry Millers, 129 Velma Ave. Miller, son of the late police officer Andy Miller who was derby chairman for many years, and four sons, Timmy, Jerry Jr., Patrick and Andy, will have a dinner donated by Jim Kelly at his Lakewood Lounge, which is derby headquarters.

Other prize winners were awarded their choice of various items of fishing tackle.

The derby, postponed from Jan. 17 because of bad weather, was sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee and the Department of Parks and Recreation represented by Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert and Fred Garner. James H. Frank was again derby chairman.

Students in the environmental studies program at Berkshire Community College under Director George M. Hamilton assisted anglers by drilling holes through the thick ice with power augers. Also helping in various capacities were members of the Turtle Club, a family fishing group that set up camp on the ice; and the following individuals:

Leo M. Daly, district fisheries manager, state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; Edward Bailey, chairman, and Robert L'Hote of the city Pond Fish Committee; Franklin H. Controy, chairman of the Conservation Commission; and Samuel S. Simonetta and William Danylin, Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club.

Hebert presided at the awards ceremony with Hope Mesnig, 1981 Winter Carnival queen.



PINT-SIZED ANGLER Daniel Leary Jr., 4, of 112 Madison Ave., beside his beaming dad, shows off 4½-pound, 26-inch pickerel he landed by himself during Sunday's derby.

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Toboggan races slated Sunday at Osceola Park

A toboggan race will be sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation Sunday from noon to 3 at Osceola Park.

Ronald D. Przedpelski, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival event, said tobogganers of either sex and of all ages are welcome. All residents of Berkshire County may participate. There will be no entry fee this year, Przedpelski said, and racers may enter more than one category.

The meet will consist of three events. Two-, three- and four-person toboggans will race twice against the clock to compile the best time in their heat. Three trophies will be awarded in each category.

People participating should wear heavily padded clothing. Only wooden U-shaped toboggans will be permitted.

Race application forms are available at the Park Department's office at 874 North St. and will also be available at the race site Sunday between 11 a.m. and noon. Applications from entrants under 18 years of age must bear the signature of a parent.

For added information, persons may contact the chairman at home or the Park Department.

JAN 29 1982

Carnival offers balloon rides

Because of its popularity last year, the main attraction at this year's Winter Carnival Family Day will again be free hot-air balloon rides for children.

The Silver Eagle Hot-Air Balloon, piloted by Thomas Carhart of North Amherst, will be on hand. This balloon was part of the hot-air balloon demonstration at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Family Day will be Sunday at Clapp Park, with balloon rides starting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

JAN 29 1982

Family Day is still 'go,' chairman says

Despite an unfavorable weather forecast for today and this evening, Pittsfield Winter Carnival officials are still planning to hold the annual Family Day tomorrow at Clapp Park.

Family Day Chairman William L. Puntin said last night that weather still may be satisfactory for the planned events Sunday and, barring developments to the contrary, Family Day will not be called off.

But if it does have to be called off, he said, announcements will be made over the radio.

Today's forecast, according to Eagle weatherman George J. Bulgarelli, is for snow mixing with sleet and changing to rain, with slowly rising temperatures. The rain is expected to change back to wet snow tonight, when the temperature will drop back below freezing. Tomorrow will bring flurries and wind, with temperatures in the 20s.

Family Day will bring a number of attractions, including sled and skating races and rides for children in a hot-air balloon. It is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Fritz Heinemann to be emcee at carnival ball

Fritz M. Heinemann will be master of ceremonies at this year's winter carnival queen's coronation ball Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 at Itam Lodge. Dancing will be to the music of the Lou Lombardi trio.

Mr. Heinemann is executive director of United Way of Central Berkshire Inc. He and his wife, Beverly, have three daughters and live at 93 Roselyn Drive.

Tickets are still available at the Park Department office, from Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee or from the ball chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Garner. Tickets are $6 a couple.

The ball is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. as part of its 37th annual winter carnival.

10 Years Ago

Eileen J. Torchio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Torchio of 332 Williams St., was crowned queen of the 27th annual winter carnival.

One of the last vestiges of a thriving community wound up 116 years of continuous service when the State Line Post Office closed its doors for good. Operations were transferred to the West Stockbridge Post Office.

FEB 4 1982

10 Years Ago

Led by Tracey Goodrich who won both the slalom and giant slalom at Jiminy Peak and placed 14th in the cross-country and 11th in the jumping at Pittsfield State Forest, coach Ron Estes' Taconic High ski team won its second consecutive Berkshire interscholastic title.

The Pittsfield Housing Authority named the main street in the new Morningside Heights public-housing project Bossidy Drive in honor of the late Gerald L. Bossidy, a PHA member.

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JAN 25 1982

Family Day slated for Winter Carnival

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc. of the Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the schedule of events for its third annual Family Day at Clapp Park Sunday, Jan. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Check-in for both skating and sliding races will be at 1 p.m. Children are asked to check in for their event one-half hour beforehand. The sliding races will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the skating races at 2.

Some sliding and skating races will be held simultaneously. Instead of completing all sliding races before beginning the skating races, the committee will have one or two divisions compete in the skating races immediately after finishing their sliding races. That scheduling will free the sliding hill and skating area earlier in the afternoon for the use of families.

Those wishing to enter either race are asked to fill out the entry blank below, have it signed by a parent and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department, 874 North St., by noon on Friday, Jan. 29. Extra blanks are available at the Boys' and Girls clubs as well as the Parks Department.

Children may also sign up at the park Sunday if they are accompanied by a parent to sign their registration blanks.

Age divisions for the sliding races for boys and girls are 6 and 7, 8 to 10 and 11 and 12. These will be the same for both double runners and plastic sleds. Skating races have the same age divisions plus an additional one for 13 to 15-year-olds.

Sleigh rides will continue all afternoon and a small bonfire will be kept going. Hot dogs and cocoa will be available for sale at a nominal charge and a free hot dog and cup of cocoa will be given to all children participating in the races. William L. Puntin is chairman of the event, part of the 37th Annual Winter Carnival.

John Rice home hit by burglars

A burglary into the home of John H. Rice at 32 Blythewood Drive sometime this past week netted thieves over $1,000 in goods and cash, Rice reported to the police Friday.

He listed two chain saws, a camera, clock, radio, two bottles of wine and $60 in cash as missing.

Family Day Entry Blank
37th Annual Winter Carnival

Child's Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age ___ Sex _____

Address _____

Events (s) entering (please check):

SLIDING RACES: Plastic Sleds_____ Double Runners_____

BOYS		GIRLS
_____	Ages 6-7	_____
_____	Ages 8-10	_____
_____	Ages 11-12	_____

SKATING RACES:

_____	Ages 6-7	_____
_____	Ages 8-10	_____
_____	Ages 11-12	_____
_____	Ages 13-15	_____

Please enter me in the event (s) checked. In consideration of your accepting this entry I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Pittsfield, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc. and owners of property on which the races will be held, their agents, successors, representatives and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at the said races.

_____ _____

Parent's Signature Date



Joel Librizzi

ICE GOLFERS, from left, Keith Dapper, Deborah Connor and Joseph Troiano watch Archie Fyfe's swing during Sunday's Winter Carnival golf event on Pontoosuc Lake.

JAN 25 1982

37 brave cold to compete in Winter Carnival races

Thirty-seven cross country skiers braved frigid temperatures to compete in races sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Carnival Committee.

The youngest, Katy Sullivan, 4, took third place in the race for girls 11 years old and under.

Other winners

Other winners were: in the same category, Jessica Ervin, first, and Renee Parker, second.

Boys, 11 and under, Bryan Blaine, Tom Harper, Shawn Blaine.

Boys, 12-14, Todd Niedeck, Sam Tomashek and, tied for third, Douglas Parker and Edward Guyer. No girls were entered in that age group.

Girls, 15-17, Jamie Ervin, who logged the fastest women's time of the day with 10:32, was the only entrant in her age category.

Boys, 15-17, Paul Nugent, who turned in the fastest men's time with 7:40; Jeff Niedeck, and Jay Kulpinsk.

Men, 18-26, Steven Vosburgh, coach of the Taconic High School cross country team; Charles Zuber, and Mark Ford. No women entered the race for that age group.

Women, 27 and over, Debbie Beekman, Sue Hess.

Men, 27 and over, Bob Sullivan, Bruce Beekman and Ed Tomashek.

Chairman of the event Robert J. Zuber called the turnout good considering the cold weather. The event in Springside Park could not be held the previous two years for lack of snow, Zuber said.

Ice golf

A round of ice golf was won by Lyle Delmolino, with Terry Weatherall in second place and Terry Goodrich in third. Joining the 23 participants were Mayor Charles L. Smith and Angus MacDonald of the Berkshire Hills Conference.

Herbert Jones, chairman of the event, said that the nine-hole course in front of J.W.'s Lakeview Restaurant was laid out with greens and flags but no hazards. "The hazards were the wind and snow," he said.

Participation was down from the 40 last year, Jones said, speculating that the wrong location given in advance might have cut attendance. "Also, it was real cold, plus the Super Bowl was on," he said.

JAN 26 1982

Annual city ski meet set Saturday at Osceola Park

The 1982 City ski meet will be held Jan. 30 at the Osceola Park ski hill.

The site is off West Housatonic adjacent to Essex Street near the Eaton Paper Co. mill.

Starting time will be 10 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three winners in each age group. Each skier will have two runs on an easy giant slalom course. The combined time will determine the winners.

The event is open to junior skiers of Pittsfield and the adjoining towns of Dalton, Lenox, Hancock, Lanesboro, Richmond and Washington.

Meet Chairman Roland Blood asked that the above coupon be filled out by entrants and returned to him at 237 Eleanor Road or the Department of Parks and Recreation at 874 Park St. Alternatively, he said, the coupon may be turned in at the start of the race.

Rabbi from Israel to give talk here

Rabbi Moshe Cohen, a member of the executive committee of the Conservative Movement in Israel, will speak at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goldblum, 32 Commonwealth Ave., tonight at 7:30.

Rabbi Cohen is on a fund-raising tour to gain support for the movement, which has nearly 40 synagogues in Israel and receives no funds from the government.

City Ski Meet
37th Annual Winter Carnival

JAN 26 1982

Child's Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age ___ Sex _____

Address _____

BOYS		GIRLS
____	Ages 6-8	____
____	Ages 9-11	____
____	Ages 12-14	____
____	Ages 15-17	____

Please enter me in the event (s) checked. In consideration of your accepting this entry I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Pittsfield, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc. and owners of property on which the races will be held, their agents, successors, representatives and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at the said races.

_____ _____

Parent's Signature Date

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Forty compete in City Ski Meet

Forty skiers competed in the City Ski Meet Saturday at Osceola Park.

Top finishers were:

Class 1 (age 6-8) — Girls: Andrea Barbalunga, 58.10; Tanya Goclowski, 58.69. Boys: Ryan O'Donnell, 47.41; Tim Reynolds, 58.47; Mike Eastland, 69.72.

Class 2 (age 9-11) — Girls: Holly Gangell, 42.47; Sue Blood, 44.05; Rebecca Reed, 48.12. Boys: Al Barbalunga, 39.23; Shaun O'Donnell, 43.97; Ricky Gangell, 44.89.

Class 3 (age 12-14) — Girls: Amy Reed, 39.33. Boys: B.J. Goclowski, 41.57; Brian Puntin, 43.86; Willy Cook, 44.75.

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97 at winter carnival family day

A total of 97 persons participated in the third annual family day at Clapp Park yesterday which was sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

Despite poor weather, there were 59 who participated in sliding and 38 in the skating events. Each child in the races was given a cup of cocoa and a hot dog. Balloons were distributed. Rides were given on a hot air balloon at the site. (Photo on Page 1).

William L. Puntin was chairman of the family day, part of the city's 37th annual winter carnival.

The winners

Skating races: Girls age 6 to 7, first — Erin Murphy, second — Challis Polidoro; age 8 to 10, first — Tammy Armstrong, second — Lisa Daigneault; age 11 to 12, first — Danile Walsh, second — Beth Ptak; age 13 to 15, first — Lisa Roraback.

Boys, age 6 to 7, first — Jimmy Liparifski; age 8 to 10, first — Gregory Dugway, second — John Hurley; age 11 to 12, first — Keith Dupont, second — Randy Paris; age 13 to 15, first — Todd Hurley; second — John Tinger.

Sliding races: Plastic sleds, boys age 6 to 7, first — Darren Linder, second — Joseph Pothier; age 8 to 10, first — Travis Borden, second — Jamie Virgilio; age 11 to 12, first — Jeffery Conuel, second — Anthony Gamberoni. Plastic sleds, girls age 6 to 7, first — Marie Pothier, second — Wendy Pike; age 8 to 10, first — Nickey Carpino, second — Andrea Aldrich; age 11 to 12, first — Melissa Quirk, second — Selone Dillard.

Double runners: Boys age 6 to 7, first — Matt Puntin, second — Chris Puntin; age 8 to 10, first — Greg Schlick; age 11 to 12, first — Anthony Gamberoni, second — Feffery Conuel. Girls age 8 to 10, first — Denise Tinges, second — Nicky Carpino; age 11 to 12, first — Carollee Duzlak, second — Jeanne Johnson.



Mark Mitchell

COMPETITORS in yesterday's toboggan races at Osceola Park included Carlton Smith, 182 Hancock Road, in front, and Michael Eastland Jr., Essex Street. There were also 77 other competitors.

79 join in toboggan races

With icy rain overnight, and more threatened, the track was fast for the 79 who competed in the second annual toboggan race of the Pittsfield winter carnival yesterday at Osceola Park.

All competitors were from Pittsfield, with the exception of one Lanesboro resident, according to Ronald Przedpelski, chairman.

The winners

Two person: first, Mike Bissaillon, 17 Glory Drive-Anne DeMartino, 55 Harryel St.; second, Anne DeMartino, 55 Harryel St.-Jim Bowlby, 40 Baldwin Ave.; third, Joe Zatorski, 76 Pine Grove Drive-Jeanne Zatorski, 76 Pine Grove Drive.

Three person: first, Jimmy Bowlby, 40 Baldwin Ave.-Mike Bissaillon, 17 Glory Drive-Anne DeMartino, 55 Harryel St.; second, Wayne Twarog, 45 Brenton Terrace-Charlie B. Smith, 20 Edgewood Ave.-Phillip Farrar, 86 Hawthorne St.; third, Jona Gennari, 724 Peck's Road-Mike Lizotte, 5 Sunset St.-Joe Weed, 762 South Main St., Lanesboro.

Four person: first, Joe Weed, 762 South Main St., Lanesboro-Mike Lizotte, 5 Sunset St.-Jona Gennari, 724 Peck's Road-Joe Burke, 53 Sunset St.; second, Phillip Farrar, 86 Hawthorne St.-Kathy Plude, 86 Hawthorne St.-Charlie B. Smith, 20 Edgewood Ave.-Wayne Twarog, 45 Brenton Terrace; third, Carlton Smith, 182 Hancock Road-Mike Eastland, 37 Essex St.-Rob Tremmble, Peck's Road-Ed Ferriter, 16 Essex St.

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Hot air rises above cold air

Balloon was one of the attractions at yesterday's winter carnival activities at Clapp Park. Story, Page 9.

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Susan Plageman

NEWLY CROWNED carnival queen Linda A. Sullivan, right, beams from her throne at the coronation ball at the Itam Lodge. With her is lady-in-waiting Diane J. Albano.

Linda Sullivan is carnival queen

Linda A. Sullivan of 161 New Lenox Road, Lenox, daughter of Mrs. Ann E. Sullivan and the late John L. Sullivan, was crowned 1982 winter carnival queen at last night's queen's coronation ball at Itam Lodge.

Outgoing queen Hope E. Mesnig crowned the new queen.

Selected lady-in-waiting was Diane J. Albano of 65 Hawthorne Ave., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Albano, who was sponsored by the Itam Lodge. She was crowned by 1981 lady-in-waiting Carol A. Pulver.

The new queen, wearing an emerald green velvet Victorian gown, was escorted by John L. Powers of New Canaan, Conn. Wearing a floor-length gown of lavender with a white overlay draped over one shoulder, the lady-in-waiting was escorted by Christopher J. Tracy.

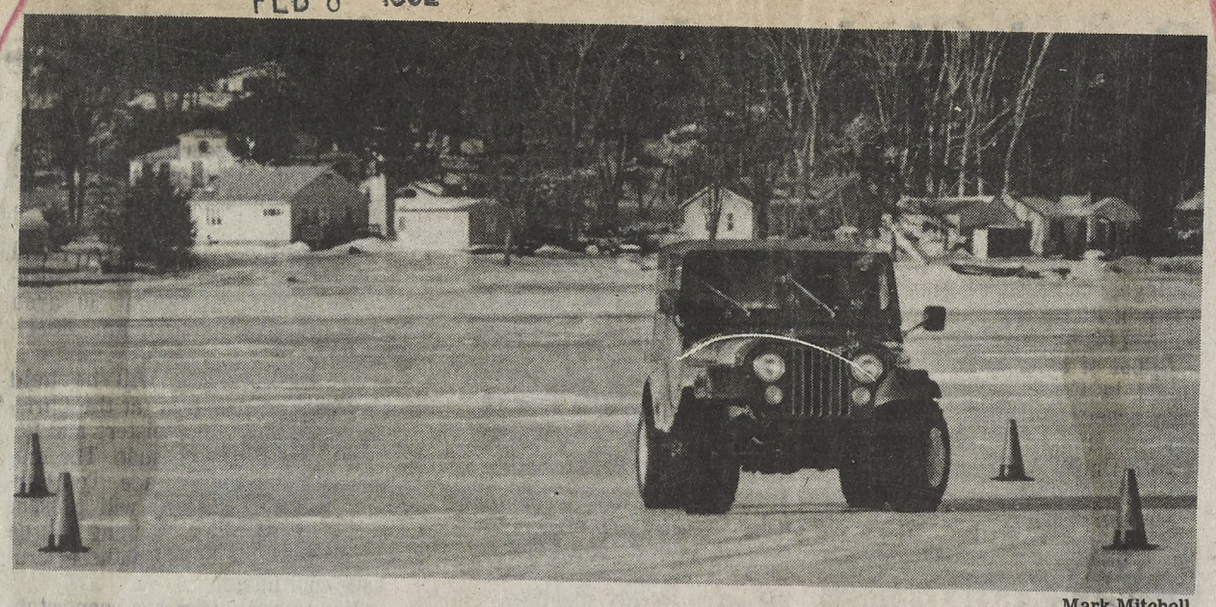
Judges who selected the queen and her lady-in-waiting were Mrs. Anne M. Hamilton of Williamstown, Mayor Richard C. Lamb of North Adams and Richard Cronin of Harvard.

Kim M. Meleca of 97 Gale Ave. was this year's top button seller for the winter carnival with a total of 5,005. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meleca, she was sponsored by Meleca's Mini-Mall. Miss Meleca received a diamond-studded watch and a piece of luggage from the Winter Sports Committee as her special gifts. The 1974 winter carnival queen, Laura Torra, still holds the record for selling the most buttons, 5,874, and Miss Meleca now stands in second place.

A total of 19,092 winter carnival buttons were sold by the 10 queen contestants.

The queen and her court received gifts donated by local merchants and the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc.

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Mark Mitchell

SKIDDING THROUGH the final turn during ice trials on Pontoosuc Lake yesterday was Jeep driven by Mike O'Brien of Pittsfield, winner in the four-wheel drive category. Forty three cars competed in the Winter Carnival event.

Stockbridge driver has top time in Pontoosuc Lake race on ice

Wilson Wright of Stockbridge took the fastest time of the day in time trials on Pontoosuc Lake yesterday, pushing his Volkswagen with studded tires around a winding course on slick ice faster than 42 other competitors.

For Wright posting the fastest time in the event sponsored by the Berkshire Motor Sports Club and the Winter Carnival was nothing new. He has taken that honor repeatedly over the past few years.

Wright's time was 1 minute, 22:36 seconds and it also gave him first in the rear engine, rear-wheel drive category for cars with studded tires.

The second fastest time of the day, 1:25.98 — including a four-second penalty for hitting a course-marker — was turned in by Van Asimakis of Troy, N.Y., in a Honda Civic.

Planned as a two-day event, Saturday's time trials were canceled because weather conditions had made the ramp of snow leading from J.W.'s Lakeview restaurant to the lake too soft for cars to negotiate. But J.W.'s owner Jim Kelly saved the day Sunday by bringing down a small bulldozer from his Brodie Mountain ski resort to get the ramp in shape for Sunday.

Winners by categories

Winners in the various categories were:

— Rear engine, rear drive, studded: 1, Wright, 1:22:36; 2, Ted Sloper, Pittsfield, Volkswagen, 1:30:94. No other trophies were presented in the class because there were only three other entries.

— Front wheel drive, studded: 1, Asimakis, 1:25:98; 2, Randy Koehler, Castleton, N.Y., Subaru, 1:34:85. There were five cars in the class.

— Rear engine, rear drive, unstudded: 1, Bob Gable, Pittsfield, VW, 2:48:75. There were three entrants.

— Front engine, rear drive, unstudded: 1, Don Valenti, Pittsfield, Mercedes, 2:26:59; 2, Marvin Weiss, Berlin, Conn., Chevy wagon, 2:28:08; 3, Grier Horner, Buick Century, 2:31:04. There were 12 cars in this class, the largest competing.

— Front-wheel drive, unstudded: 1, Jim Snyder, East Nasau, N.Y., Subaru, 2:18:68; 2, Doug Gould, Richmond, Saab, 2:21:71; 3, Larry Snyder, Delmar, N.Y., Subaru, 2:29:09.

— Four wheel drive: 1, Mike O'Brien, Pittsfield, Jeep, 2:15:30; 2, Ray Morse, Pittsfield, Blazer, 2:16:87; 3, Bill O'Donnell, Pittsfield, Subaru, 2:17:80.

Winter Carnival Queen Linda Sullivan presented the trophies at the award ceremony at J.W.'s.

Suit alleges injuries due to snowmobile

A Pittsfield man who asserts he was struck by a snowmobile in 1979 has filed a $200,000 suit in Berkshire Superior Court against the snowmobile's operator.

Norman E. Brunet of 23 East Alford Road said he was on the grounds of North Junior High, now Reid Middle School, on Feb. 4, 1979, when a snowmobile operated by Charles Howard of 25 Summit Ave. collided with him.

The money would be for injuries and the subsequent medical expenses.

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Some articles under Speed Skating in error

10 Years Ago

Joe Unwin of the Pittsfield High ski team edged Bob Baran of Taconic by two points to win a Berkshire Interscholastic Ski League jumping competition.

The board of governors of the Berkshire Medical Center voted to close the 55-year-old St. Luke's School of Nursing. The decision prompted a statement of protest by 70 of the 111 students at the school.

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Winter sports group to meet Wednesday

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Springside House.

Event reports will be made, as will a report from the nominating committee. Final plans will be made for the committee's annual banquet.

25 Years Ago

Thirteen-year-old Robert Gregory of Lanesboro caught the largest fish, an 18⅜-inch pickerel weighing one pound, 10½ ounces, in the 12th annual winter-carnival ice-fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake.

Two scholarships for study at the Pittsfield Community Music School, sponsored by Sammy Vincent, were awarded to Daniel Congress, 14, of 59 Dartmouth St., and Charles Therrien, 14, of 39½ Kellogg St.

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10 Years Ago

Miss Kathleen T. Mulholland of Becket and Miss Paula Leuchs of Monterey were presented at the annual Colonial Ball of the Sons of the American Revolution, held at the Hotel Plaza in New York City.

Leo Cormier of Hinsdale was first-place winner in the men's 1A class for snowmobiles with up to 20 horsepower in the Eastern United States amateur snowmobile championships held on Pontoosuc Lake.

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Area sports

FEB 18 1982

Indoor skating races set Sunday at North Adams

SPEED SKATING RACES: The Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships will take place Sunday at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Skating Rink at North Adams, Chairman Carl Peaslee has announced. Entries have been received from skaters around the Northeast as well as Canada.

The meet will start at noon and admission is free. The event is the final activity of the 37th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

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ADULT BASKETBALL: Rick Refalik tossed in 36 points and Terry Eitel added 24 as unbeaten Sports of Lenox downed the Home Plate Cafe 100-80 in the Dalton Men's Basketball League. Marty Phillips had 26 points and Marc Quadrozzi 18 for the Home Plate. The win was the Lenox team's seventh straight.

In other action, Al Deschamps scored 21 points while Ron Cordon and Henry Watford each added 16 to spark Vitto's to an 86-64 triumph over the Dalton Dugout. Mike Fletcher had 25 points to lead the Dugout.

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POOL: The father-son team of Fuad and Steve Joseph won the championship of the fourth annual Post Time Open pool tournament at the Post Time Tavern.

The Josephs defeated the tandem of Charles Ellsworth and Bob Sweetser in the finals.

A total of 28 two-man teams competed in the two-day event.

Carnival button contest gets under way today

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Entries for the 12th annual Winter Carnival Button Contest, sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. of the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be taken today through Friday, Oct. 8. The Winter Carnival Committee is seeking an original design or logo to be used on its brochure and flyers.

The contest is open to children from Pittsfield and adjoining towns. All participants will be divided into the following groups by these grade levels: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12.

Designs should be drawn on a 9-by-12-inch sheet of paper using only two colors: one for the background and one for the picture itself. Last year's design had a white background with a blue picture, resulting in a request that participants avoid that combination.

Only original figures are acceptable. Patented characters such as Snoopy and E.T. may not be used.

This design should show winter sports activities or the winter carnival events. Keep in mind that the picture will be reduced to a fit a button approximately 1½ inches in diameter. Each design should have the youth's name, address, phone number, school and grade listed on the back of it.

All division winners will receive gift certificates, while the overall winner will win a grand prize. Every child will receive a patch showing they participated in the Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

Entries may be mailed or brought to the Department of Parks and Recreation, 874 North St., or left in the main offices of the Boys' Club, 15 Melville St., or the Girls Club, 165 East St. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, Oct. 8 at 5 p.m.

Further imformation may be obtained by contacting Linda Murphy at the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Winter sports equipment sale set next month

The annual winter sports equipment sale of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11, 12 and 13, at the former Redfield School.

Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the sports committee, said Mrs. Thomas Angelini and Mrs. Raymond Tuggey will again be sale chairmen.

Garner said items will be accepted for sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Items will not be accepted on Thursday.

The sale hours will be Thursday from noon to 9, Friday from noon to 5 and Saturday from 10 to 2.

The committee retains 25 percent of the selling price to help defray the cost of their annual Winter Carnival and to help winter sports athletes participate in state, regional and national competitions. The committee last year also assisted the hockey and ski teams of the three local high schools.

Additional information on the sale may be obtained from Mrs. Angelini, 142 Imperial Ave.; Mrs. Tuggey, 23 Eric Drive, or the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

The Winter Sports Committee will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House to make final plans for the winter sports equipment sale. Plans for a fashion show scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7, will also be discussed.

OCT 4 1982

Schedule announced for Winter Carnival

The schedule of Pittsfield Winter Carnival events planned by the Winter Sports Committee has been announced by Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the committee.

The first event is the fund-raising button design contest for youngsters, which is under way. The last day to submit entries is Friday, but carnival officials are concerned because not enough designs have yet been submitted to provide winners for every class. Entries must be dropped off at the Boys' Club, the Girls Club or the Park Department office by 5 p.m. Friday.

Other events are:

The winter sports equipment sale, Nov. 11, 12 and 13, at a site to be announced shortly; a fashion show, Dec. 7 at pool side at the Berkshire Hilton Inn, with fashions by Mary Wentworth's women's specialty shops; the Winter Carnival queen contest, beginning Jan. 7 and ending Jan. 28; Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships, Jan. 15 and 16 on Pontoosuc Lake; and the ice fishing derby, Jan. 16 on Pontoosuc Lake.

Also, Golf on Ice, Jan. 16 on Pontoosuc Lake; a cross country ski race, Jan. 23 in Springside Park; a toboggan race, Jan. 23 at Osceola Park; the city ski meet, Jan. 29 at Osceola Park; Family Day, Jan. 30 at Clapp Park; the Winter Carnival Ball, Feb. 4 at the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge; ice trials, Feb. 5 and 6 on Pontoosuc Lake; and the Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships, Feb. 20 at the Vietnam Veterans' Skating Rink in North Adams.

The committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House. Anyone interested in assisting with any of the carnival events is welcome to attend the meeting. The winning button design will be chosen.

More entries needed for Winter Carnival

PITTSFIELD — The Winter Sports Committee for the Pittsfield Winter Carnival is calling for more young people to submit entries in its button-design contest.

The deadline for the entries is 5 p.m. Friday, but an insufficient number of carnival button designs has come in to allow winners in all age categories. The entries can be taken to the Boys' Club, Girls' Club or Parks Department.

With the choosing of a button design, the next preliminary event will be a sale of winter sports equipment Nov. 11-13, followed by a Dec. 7 fashion show at the Berkshire Hilton Inn.

From Jan. 7 to Jan. 28, contests will be conducted leading to the choosing of a Winter Carnival Queen.

The Berkshire Hills speed skating championships will be held on Pontoosuc Lake Jan. 15 and 16; an ice-fishing derby will be held on the lake Jan. 16.; ice golf will also be held Jan. 16 on the lake.

Jan. 23 will see a cross country race in Springside Park and a toboggan race in Osceola Park; Jan. 29 there will be a ski meet at Osceola; and Jan. 30 will be family day at Clapp Park.

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Bowlby again is winner in carnival button contest

For the second time James Bowlby has submitted the winning design in the Winter Carnival contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The winning design, which will be used as the logo for the 38th Winter Carnival, shows a skating snowman couple whose bodies form the number "83."

Bowlby, an 11th grade student at Pittsfield High School, is the son of Mrs. Lenore Horrigan of 40 Baldwin Ave. and Craig Bowlby of Pittsfield.

Other category winners are:

Grade 10-12 — Michelle Fitch, a 10th grade student at Taconic High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Major V. Fitch, 551 West St.

Grade 7-9 — Kerry Lusignan, a 9th grade student at Taconic High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Lusignan, 12 Britton St.

Grade 4-6 — Gary Miles and Anne Hibbard, both 6th grade students at Notre Dame Middle School, tied for first place. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles of 6 Greenings Ave., and Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Hibbard of 96 Plunkett St.

Grade 1-3 — Richard Welch, a 3rd grade student at Sacred Heart School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Welch Jr. of 20 Reed Ave.

Winners will receive gift certificates from the Winter Sports Committee. All other entrants will receive a patch showing they have participated in the Winter Carnival.

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Winter sports unit to meet Wednesday

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St.

Plans for the annual winter sports equipment sale will be discussed, and the button design for the 1983 Winter Carnival button will be chosen.

The meeting is open to the public, and anyone interested is assisting with the Winter Carnival is welcome.

CORRECTIONS

The annual winter sports equipment sale of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at the former Redfield School. A headline in yesterday's Eagle described the dates inaccurately.

Middlefield tax collector Leo G. Nickerson will hold office hours Saturdays but will be absent on Wednesdays while he is on jury duty during November. This information was given incorrectly in yesterday's Eagle.

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Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc.

ANNUAL USED WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE!

ITEMS ACCEPTED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & 10
11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
(customer receives 75% of selling price, committee retains 25% to promote Winter Carnival)

SALE: Thursday - Nov. 11 - 12 - 9 p.m.
Friday - Nov. 12 - 12 - 5 p.m.
Saturday - Nov. 13 - 10 - 2 p.m.
at
Former Redfield School
corner of Elizabeth St. & Henry Ave.



Susan Plageman

WINNING DESIGN in the Pittsfield Winter Carnival logo contest is displayed by its creator, James Bowlby of 40 Baldwin Ave., a junior at Pittsfield High School. Bowlby, who has won the contest two years in a row, was honored with other top entrants last night.

10 Years Ago

A design submitted by Michelle Crane, an 8th-grader at Crosby Junior High School, was selected for the winter carnival button. She received a $50 savings bond for her design of a happy-faced figure standing on skis.

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Winter sports sale items accepted starting tomorrow

Mrs. Thomas Angelini and Mrs. Raymond Tuggey, chairmen for the annual sale of used winter sports equipment sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc., have offered the following suggestions to people planning to sell equipment.

Items should be taken to the former Redfield School on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Henry Avenue tomorrow or Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. None will be accepted after that time.

Accepted for sale will be all types of used winter sports equipment, such as figure, hockey and speed skates; skis, ski poles and boots (but no laced boots or wooden skis); clothing related to winter sports; sleds and toboggans; snowshoes, and cross country equipment. Such small items as mittens, hats, goggles, underwear and socks will not be taken.

All articles should be clean and in good condition. Those that are not in good condition, or that are considered too outdated to be sold, will be refused.

Boots and skates should be polished, rust removed from the skate blades. Skates must have laces. Gouges on ski bottoms should be filled in and rust should be removed from the edges.

Ski bindings being sold separately from skis should be mounted securely on a board. Loose bindings and cable bindings will be refused.

Articles belonging together should be attached so they cannot be separated or lost. The committee is not responsible for lost items.

The sale will begin at noon on Thursday and run to 9 p.m. Hours on Friday will be noon to 5 and on Saturday, 10 to 2.

Persons selling items receive 75 percent of the selling price. The remaining 25 percent goes to help defray the expenses of the events to be conducted as part of the 38th annual Winter Carnival.

Friday, Nov. 12, 1982



Joel Librizzi

GIANT LINE waits outside Redfield School at noon yesterday as the Winter Sports Committee's popular annual winter sports equipment sale begins. The sale continues today from noon to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pamela Bertoldi heads contest for carnival queen

Fred P. Garner, chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc., has announced that Miss Pamela M. Bertoldi will head the annual Winter Carnival queen's contest sponsored by the committee.

The contest is open to single girls ages 17 through 21 who live, attend school or work in Pittsfield or live in adjoining towns. The committee will accept a maximum of 16 girls for the competition.

Contestants must sell a minimum of 1,000 Winter Carnival buttons to be eligible for judging the evening of the Queen's Coronation Ball on Feb. 4. The one who sells the most buttons will receive a gift.

The sale of buttons is a separate contest and has no bearing on the judging of the queen or the lady-in-waiting. The contestant that accumulates the highest score during the judging will become queen, and the one with the second highest score will become lady-in-waiting.

Applications, contest rules and additional information may be obtained from Miss Bertoldi at her 23 Walnut St. home or by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation office. Deadline for filing applications is Nov. 22.

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Total of $22,160 reported grossed by sports sale

Gross receipts of $22,160 were realized by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee in the annual used winter sports equipment sale held Thursday through Saturday at the former Redfield School.

The total exceeded that of the 1981 sale by $415, according to Mrs. Thomas Angelini and Mrs. Raymond Tuggey, sale chairmen.

Slightly over 1,800 items were taken in for the sale. The committee retains 25 percent of the selling price to help defray its expenses

The chairmen said the checks and unsold items must be picked up at the former Redfield School tomorrow from 1 to 8 and Wednesday from noon to 5. Those who supplied equipment for the sale are required to bring the customer's portion of the sales ticket in order to get their check or unsold merchandise.

The Winter Sports Committee will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House to make final plans for the Dec. 7 Winter Carnival fashion show.

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Owners asked to get leftover checks, items from sports sale

People who did not pick up checks or unsold articles left from the annual winter sports equipment sale may do so at the Park Department office, starting today at 1 p.m., according to the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

The committee said all checks and articles must be picked up before Thursday, Nov. 25, during the office hours of 9 to 5 Monday through Friday.

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Applications are still open for carnival queen

The deadline for single girls 17 through 21 years of age to file applications for the Winter Carnival queen's contest has been extended to Monday, according to Miss Pamela Bertoldi, contest chairman.

Applications may be obtained by calling Miss Bertoldi at her home, 23 Walnut St., or at the Park Department office.

The contest will be from Jan. 7 to 31, and the queen will be crowned on Feb. 4 at Itam Lodge.

Sports committee fashion show will be Dec. 7

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will sponsor a fashion show, "Winter Splendor," Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., poolside at the Berkshire Hilton Inn. Miss Hope E. Mesnig is chairman.

Fashions will be by Mary Wentworth's Ladies' Specialty Shop. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. Donation for the show is $3. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Mesnig, from Winter Sports Committee members, at Mary Wentworth's Ladies' Specialty Shop or at the Park Department office.

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Models named for style show Tuesday at Hilton

Models were announced today by Miss Hope E. Mesnig, chairman, for the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee's fashion show. The event, "Winter Splendor," will be poolside at the Berkshire Hilton Inn at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Models will be the Misses Tonia Scalise, Michele Depew and Pamela Bertoldi, Mrs. Lenny Grunin, Mrs. Craig Mancivalano, Mrs. Thomas Angelini, Mrs. Richard Bishop, Mrs. Herbert Jones, Mrs. Albert Hopper, Mrs. John Bresnahan and Mrs. William Stanger. Miss Linda Sullivan, the 1982 Winter Carnival queen, and her lady-in-waiting, Miss Diane Albano, also will take part in the program.

Pianist will be Mrs. Gerald Fick. Mrs. Fred Garner will be in charge of refreshments; Mrs. Roland Blood and Mrs. Raymond Gaynor, tickets; Mrs. Carl Peaslee, door prizes, and Mrs. William Puntin, models.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes awarded. Tickets may be obtained from committee members, at Mary Wentworth's Ladies Specialty Shops, at the Park Department office or at the door.



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Joel Librizzi

Miss Linda Sullivan, 1982 Winter Carnival queen, models a gown from Mary Wentworth's Ladies Specialty Shops.

Award to Edward Bailey

By Ted Giddings

DEC 17 1982

EDWARD BAILEY of 315 Cheshire Road has been awarded a certificate of appreciation by the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for "significant contributions to the maintenance and conservation of our wildlife resources."

The award comes as no surprise to those who have been on the scene for many years at the DFW's western district headquarters on Hubbard Avenue. As Edgar E. "Ed" Hover, veteran staff member, stated, "Ed Bailey was around here so much that people thought he worked here."

Well, he did, but strictly as a volunteer. His service goes back to the early 1950s when Bill Pollack, chief game biologist, was district game manager here and Dick Cronin, DFW director who signed Ed's certificate, was a rookie member of the district crew.

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Ed helped stock fish and game and lent a hand with various projects. During deer week, he might take opening day off to hunt but devoted the rest of the season to assisting at the Pittsfield checking station.

No one has checked more deer at Hubbard Avenue than Ed Hover, and no one knows better than he what Ed Bailey did to help. "He hauled a lot of deer on to the scales for me," Ed said, "and I never had to worry about a deer going out of here without a tag. He attended to that. Also, he anticipated my needs and was quick to hand me a knife or a jaw-breaker at the right time." (A jaw-breaker is used to open the dead deer's jaw so that the teeth can be examined as a means of determining the animal's age.)

Ed Bailey also put in a lot of hours with Leo M. Daly, district fisheries manager, in stocking and tagging fish and making pond and stream surveys. "Ed has been a generous man with his time," Daly said.

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As chairman of Pittsfield's Pond Fish Committee, Ed has had charge of buying and stocking Wild Acres pond with trout, devoting countless hours to fishing derbies for children and senior citizens. He considers what he has been able to do "for the kids and retirees" the most satisfying of all his volunteer activities.

Others include membership on the advisory council of the Conservation Commission and being field investigator on wetlands for the commission.

"Ed is our main enforcement officer," explained Franklin H. Controy, commission chairman.

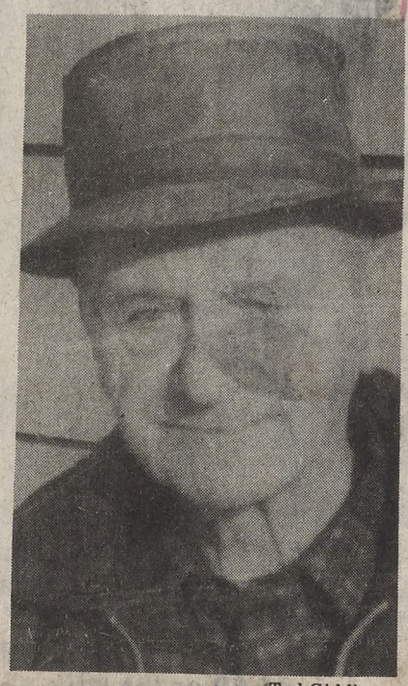
Ed has assisted at the Winter Carnival ice-fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake for many years, including one back in 1949 that Frank Controy won't forget. Reason is, Frank won it by hauling in a 5¼ pound pickerel.

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For 33 years, Ed worked on core assembly in the GE power transformer department, retiring in 1971. A treasured memento of his GE service is a picture taken in 1951 of him and Ronald Reagan, then the company's "good will ambassador," alongside a 400-ton transformer Ed had worked on.

Ed had to give up some of his volunteer work last year because of the serious illness of his wife, Lucy. She died Feb. 4, 1981. He has a son, Edward Michael of Williamstown and a daughter, Marion, who, with her husband, Arthur Trasatti, owns and operates Skyline Country Club, and three grandchildren.

Today, incidentally, is Ed's 73rd birthday. Happy birthday, Ed, and congratulations on your highly deserved award.



Ted Giddings

Ed Bailey

Carnival queen applications still available

Applications for the 38th annual winter carnival queen contest will be available until Monday at the Park Department office.

Only five young women between the ages of 17 and 21 have applied to participate in the contest, the fewest number ever, according to Miss Pamela Bertoldi, chairman, who was chosen carnival queen in 1976.

Miss Bertoldi pointed out that it is through the efforts of these young women, who sell carnival buttons at 25 cents each, and through the proceeds from the winter sports committee's equipment sale that the annual carnival is made possible.

Contestants are required to sell at least 1,000 buttons to be eligible for the judging preceding the annual ball, at which the queen is crowned. This year's ball will be Feb. 4 at Sons of Italy, Itam Lodge.

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Supervision planned for park ice rinks

The skating rinks at the First Street Common and Clapp Park will be supervised by the Department of Parks and Recreation today and Sunday from 1 to 5 and 6:30 to 9 p.m., the department said yesterday.

If the weather remains cold, both rinks will be supervised Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The Osceola ski tow will be operated Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. If it rains over the weekend, the ski tow will not be opened.

All these Park Department activities are open to the public free of charge.

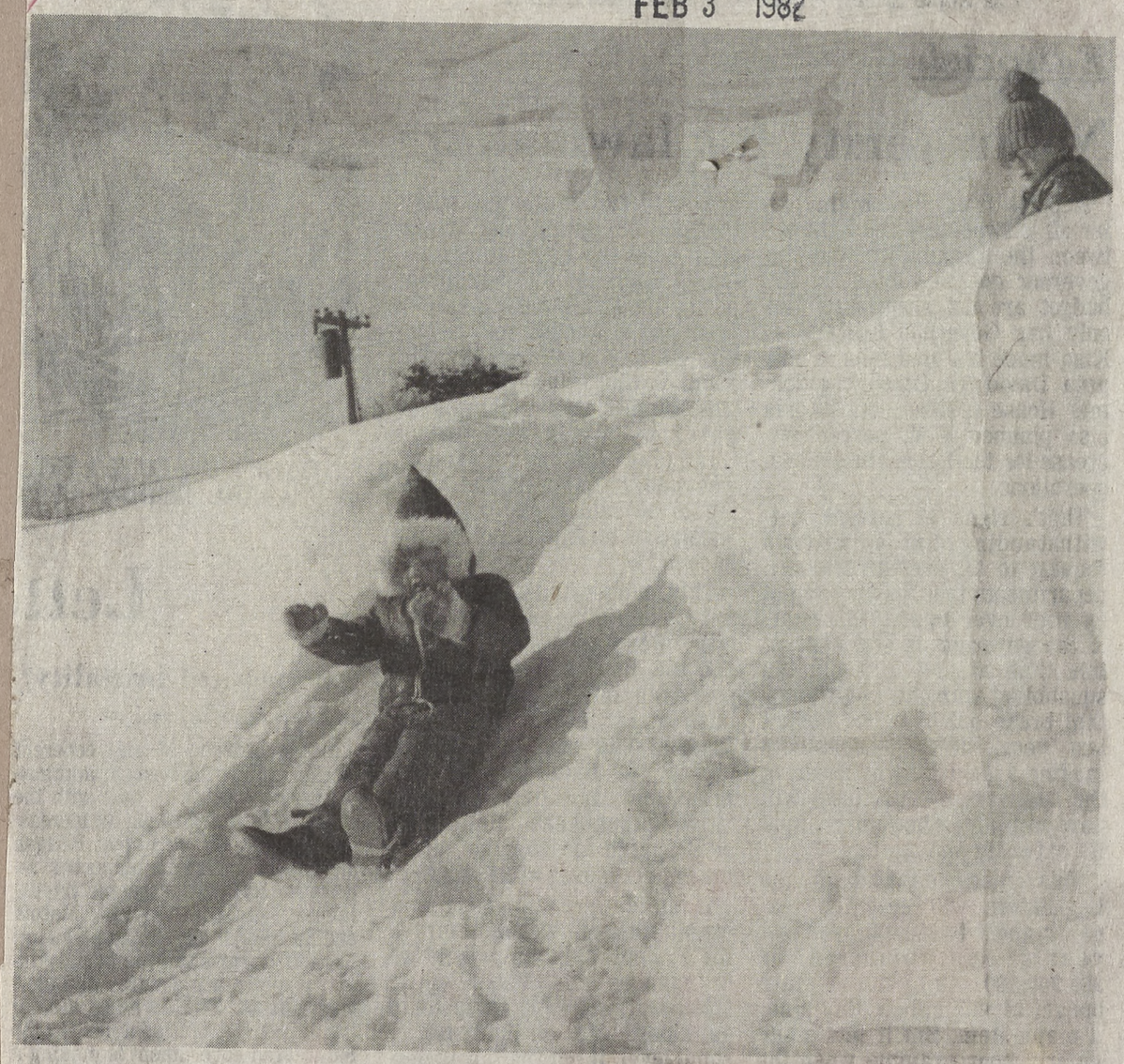


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LONG SHADOWS are cast by late afternoon skaters using the Park Department rink on the First Street Common.

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Vera V. Fielding

SLIDING the natural way, Shana Penna, 3, of Cheshire Heights, Cheshire, courses down a big snowdrift while her brother, Christopher, 4, watches from above.



Mark Mitchell

Trail Markings

Eagle Scout Steven Leslie puts finishing touches on cross country ski trails he laid out in Springside Park as a public service project to qualify for Scouting's highest rank award. A member of Troop 1, First Methodist Church, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Leslie of 40 Maple Grove Drive and a Pittsfield High School freshman.

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Lisi and Quetti lead the pack

Area minor leaguers aim for the big time

This is the fourth in a series of articles on Berkshire County's connection in professional baseball this spring.

By Bob McDonough

Minor league baseball is no picnic.

There are the long bus trips to out of the way ballparks, small crowds, small pay and the constant reminder to the players that they are dealing in a business with a 90 percent failure rate.

For every Jeff Reardon, Mark Belanger and Tom Grieve who make it to the big leagues, there are nine also-rans with visons of fat contracts dancing through their heads.

Some of the minor leaguers can get close enough to the big leagues to smell it. In the springtime at Winter Haven, Fla., the Red Sox minor leaguers struggle right next door to Chain O'Lakes Park, where the major league team plays.

Only yards away, the Red Sox hopefuls can hear the organ music, listen to the crowds cheer, and watch the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers pull into the parking lot in their VIP bus.

For all of the Red Sox minor leaguers, the shirt says "Boston," but for most, the bus ticket will read "Pawtucket," "Bristol" or "Winston-Salem."

Despite the 9-to-1 odds, the players keep coming, year after year. This year, Berkshire County has four players in various stages of the quest for the Holy Grail — Rick Lisi of Pittsfield with the Baltimore Orioles; his former Pittsfield High classmate Russ Quetti with the Red Sox; Paul Stockley of Pittsfield with the Oakland A's; and Mike Callahan of Dalton with the Houston Astros.

The 'old man'

Lisi is the "old man" of the quartet, having turned 26 on St. Patrick's Day. Drafted by the Texas Rangers out of Pittsfield High in 1974, he spent eight bittersweet years in the Rangers' organization until signing with the Orioles in December. He has been through the ranks, from Class A, AA and AAA to a one-month stint in the major leagues last season. Now, he is still just a step away from the big time, assigned to the Orioles AAA Rochester, N.Y., team.

"It's still a long, long haul," Lisi said during a recent Miami workout. "I'm going to Rochester and play some ball. The key is versatility. They know I can play outfield, third base, catch. That's what will get me there."

Lisi's versatility got him to the Rangers last season to replace injured outfielder Billy Sample.

"It wasn't that big a deal," said Lisi, who hit over .300 during his brief stay. "The big difference was the crowd. There was always the rumble. In the minors, you hear the kids hawking peanuts, people stepping on shells, and lots of domestic arguments."

Lisi said the other players chewed him out for carrying his own bags at the airport. "But I showed them," Lisi recalled with a grin. "I carried their bags. Made them pay, too. I made four dollars."

But Lisi's taste of glory was brief. Soon it was back to the minors. At the end of the season, he thought he would be one of the nine players called up to the parent club, but instead he got silence.

"I put in eight years with those guys," Lisi said. "I'd rather have them come up and say, 'You stink.' At least then I'd know where I stand."

Instead, Lisi was given permission to look for work with other clubs, and joined the Orioles. This spring, he has spent some time with the major leaguers, playing in B-squad games against other teams or against fellow Orioles. Most of his play has been at third base — where hotshot rookie Cal Ripkin is earning headlines in Baltimore.

"He'll have to drop dead to lose that job," Lisi said of Ripkin, the son of an Oriole coach by the same name. "He'll be a premium ballplayer, so I'm not going to be taking his spot."

Instead, Lisi said he plans to just wait for an opening, prepared to play any position as a utility man.

"Dave Roberts of Houston signed a million dollar contract as a utility man," Lisi said, "so there's a need for them."

Asked how his pay stacks up next to the $205,000 contract signed by Dalton's Jeff Reardon, Lisi thought for a minute and said, "It's about one-fifteenth of that. You figure it out."

Quetti battling back

Lisi, at least, has been healthy throughout his drive to the big leagues. Classmate Quetti hasn't had the same fortune with the Red Sox.

A star shortstop throughout his career at Pittsfield High, Quetti went on to set batting records in hits, RBI, runs and total bases at the University of Maine, where he graduated in 1978. He was drafted in the ninth round that year by the Red Sox, and progressed sufficiently through the system to reach the AAA Pawtucket team last spring.

But last March, he collided with an opposing first baseman while diving back to first base on a pickoff play. He tore some ligaments in his right shoulder — his throwing arm — and sat out almost all of last season. He finished with just 33 at-bats last year, and now it's time to start all over.

"It was a real bad year," Quetti said. "Now it's going to be hard. I don't have a job with the club. When you miss a year like that, it's not easy. You just have to come back."

Quetti couldn't have chosen a more difficult task, since the Red Sox are rich in shortstops this season. Ed Jurak and Julio Valdez are both backups on the major league roster, and at least one will be sent down to Pawtucket. Juan Bustabad is only 20, but is one of the organization's brightest prospects. He's a shortstop, probably bound for Pawtucket. That may mean a trip to Bristol, Conn., for Quetti and a drop to AA ball.

"We're just waiting to see what condition his arm is in," said Ed Kenney, director of the Red Sox' minor league organization. "Last year he pinch hit a couple of times and that was the extent of it. We're optimistic, anyway."

"I've just got to prove I can play every day again," Quetti said.

Quetti spent the winter as a security guard at a Tampa hospital, all the while working himself back into condition through a weight program. He has been throwing since January, and insists his arm "feels 100 percent." He has hit the ball with authority this spring, including at least one home run and a long triple off the fence at Winter Haven.

"So far, so good," said Quetti, who then left to meet his wife of the past 18 months, the former Pamela Revord of Pittsfield.

If Quetti should play for Pawtucket, chances are he would run into his old classmate, Lisi, when the Red Sox take on Rochester. "It would be fun to play against him," Quetti said.

The lower echelon

At a lower level than either Lisi or Quetti are Callahan, a right-handed hurler in the Astros' organization, and Stockley, a shortstop working his way up with the A's.

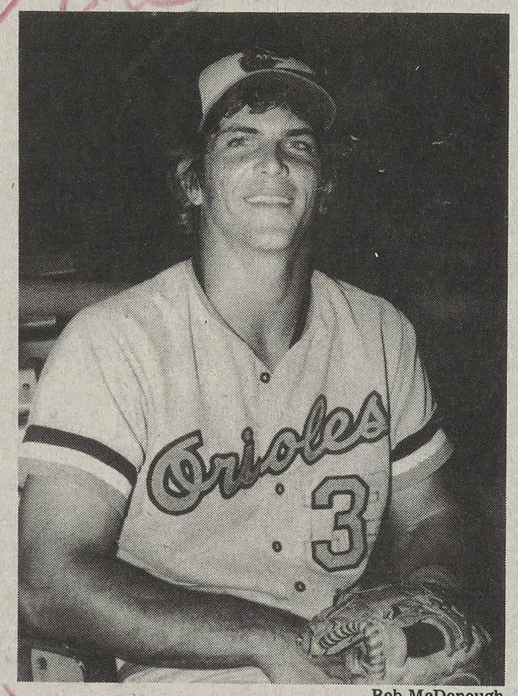
Callahan, who will be 22 Saturday, went to the University of Bridgeport for two years on a basketball scholarship, then was drafted by the Astros after pitching only one year for North Adams State. He spent last season in the instructional league, but is slated to be a starter this season for the Class A team in Asheville, S.C.

"He's highly thought of here," said Asheville manager Dave Cripe. "He looks to be one of my starters in a five-man rotation."

Armed with a 90-mph fastball, Callahan is another in a long line of pitchers who had spent time with Mike Casey's Dalton Collegians before graduating to the pro ranks. Among the others is the Expos' Jeff Reardon, who grew up next door to Callahan on Oak Street Extension in Dalton.

Stockley in Arizona

Stockley, a former Taconic High and American International College standout, is getting a good look this spring by the A's in Arizona. Now 23, he was signed to an AA-level contract this year, so the A's have protected him from being gobbled up by another team. It still doesn't guarantee that he will move up from the Class A team in Modesto, Cal., where he has spent more than two seasons, to the AA team in West Haven, Conn.



Bob McDonough

Rick Lisi
New life with the Orioles

"Nobody really tells you much of anything," Stockley said. "You just go out every day, and they tell you what field to play on. And it seems the coaches are as much in the dark as we are. There are really only two people who make all the decisions, and I think before the spring even started, they knew who was going to go where."

Stockley has spent most of his professional career at Modesto, even though he hit around .270 during a brief stay at West Haven. Even though he was voted by the fans as the most popular player last year at Modesto, he said he doesn't plan to go back there for another season of Class A ball.

"The way I see it, if I don't move up, I'm not being considered a prospect any more," Stockley said.

Lisi and Quetti, who have put in more minor league service than the other two, have no regrets about their perseverance in the minors.

"I don't have any deadlines," Quetti said. "I would play until I was 30 years old in the minors. It beats working 9 to 5."

"It's well worth it," Lisi offered. "I've never looked back . . . Ten years down the road, the adversity may pay off. Therefore, it hasn't been a failure."



Bob McDonough

BASERUNNING DRILL in Winter Haven, Fla., finds Pittsfield native Russ Quetti breaking from the batter's box under the close scrutiny of Pawtucket Manager Joe Morgan, left, and some of Quetti's fellow minor leaguers.

Bird leads Celts over B

BOSTON (UPI) — Larry Bird exploded for 35 points last night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 119-109 win over the Washington Bullets.

The win was Boston's 19th in 20 games, and the loss snapped a four-game Bullets' win streak.

The Celtics eased into a 26-22 first quarter lead as Bird came off the bench to spark Boston with eight points. At the half, the Celtics had extended their lead to 59-50 as a red-hot Bird hit on nine of 11 shots from the floor.

Center Robert Parish helped Bird with 10 of his 21 points in the first half.

Boston assumed control of the game in the third quarter when, with a lead of 65-60, the Celts ran off a 10-2 spurt, pushing their lead to 75-62 with 4:20 remaining in the quarter.

With Boston leading 84-76 going into the final period, the Bullets managed to pull within six, 90-84, 2:50 into the fourth quarter.

But the Celtics were able to maintain their lead despite a 27-point effort from Washington reserve center Jeff Ruland. Kevin Grevey added 21, Spencer Haywood 20 and Greg Ballard 19 for the Bullets.

Sixers 99, Bulls 98

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Julius Erving scored 32 points, including two crucial free throws with eight seconds remaining, to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 99-98 victory last night over the Chicago Bulls.

Trailing 87-79 with eight minutes left, Chicago rallied behind Dwight Jones and moved ahead 93-92 on two free throws by Artis Gilmore with 3:19 remaining. However, a 3-point play by Andrew Toney gave Philadelphia a 95-93 advantage with 3:05 to play.

Two free throws by Dwight Jones with 2:48 to go tied the score at 95-95 but Erving, who scored 18 points in the third period, made a layup with 2:41 left. The Bulls' Ronnie Lester made one foul shot but missed the second with 1:09 left and Erving's two free throws offset a Dwight Jones layup at the buzzer.

Toney added 16 points and Lionel Hollins 13 for Philadelphia. Bobby Jones had seven blocked shots. David Greenwood had 20 points and Gilmore 17 for Chicago.

Nets 103, Cavaliers 87

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (UPI) — Reserve guard Darwin Cook scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half last night, leading the New Jersey Nets to a 103-87 victory over Cleveland that dropped the Cavaliers to their eighth straight loss.

The Nets, winners in 21 of their last 34 games, improved their chances for an Eastern Conference playoff berth. If the season ended today, New Jersey would gain the sixth and final spot.

Cook scored 13 fourth-quarter points and Len Elmore scored nine in the period to finish with 18. Ray Williams added 17 points. Ron Brewer led the Cavaliers with 23 points and James Edwards added 19.

New Jersey led 75-71 after three quarters, led by reserves Mike O'Koren and Cook. O'Koren scored eight points in the quarter and Cook had six.

The Nets trailed 48-45 at halftime despite being out rebounded 24-6 in the first quarter. New Jersey outscored the Cavaliers — winners in

Nel's team sole holder of top spot

Nel's Restaurant took sole possession of first place in the Berkshire County Candlepin Pro League last week on a 6-0 sweep over White Star. Highland Restaurant, last week's co-leader with Nel's, lost 4-2 to Imperial Bowl and fell into a second-place tie with Imperial and Moldmaster four points off the pace.

Moldmaster topped Herman Alexander's 4-2 and Coach Lite Restaurant defeated Dairy Center by the same score.

Sil Mastrodicasa rolled the high triple of 411 to go over the 400 mark for the second straight week. His 150 was the second best single. Bob Carnevale had the high single of 164 and Don White took high triple runner-up honors with 397.

Coach Lite scored the high team triple with 1,422. Herman Alexander's had the best team single with 505.

Pete Stracuzzi continues to lead the average race with a 122.7 mark. Bob Ireland is second with 122.1.

The scores and standings:

North Berkshire youth hockey

Christian Glover's hat trick, a two-goal effort by Pete Fisk, and a goal and three assists from Alex Schnopp carried the Squirt C all-star team to a 7-2 win over the Mite all-stars in Northern Berkshire Youth Hockey action. John Barbuto and Darin Lane scored for the Mites.

The Squirt C stars, however, also suffered a 10-3 loss to Schenectady, N.Y., in recent play. Ron Zanolli, Rick Filiault and Christian Glover scored in that game for North Berkshire.

There were two special games played in recent house league activity.

In the Peewee Division, with the Peewee all-stars away in tournament action, the Saints beat the Sinners 5-3 in a game involving other house league players. John Neville and John Dami had two goals apiece for the Saints, while Toby

Minor League needs more coaches to accept all kids

The Minor League of Pittsfield may not be able to place every youngster on a team this year due to a lack of coaches, managers and sponsors, league Commissioner Sam Nykorchuck announced last night.

The youth baseball program has always found a team for every player, but as the league has grown, the demand has become greater for coaches and sponsors throughout the city. Last year, some 950 youngsters played in the program.

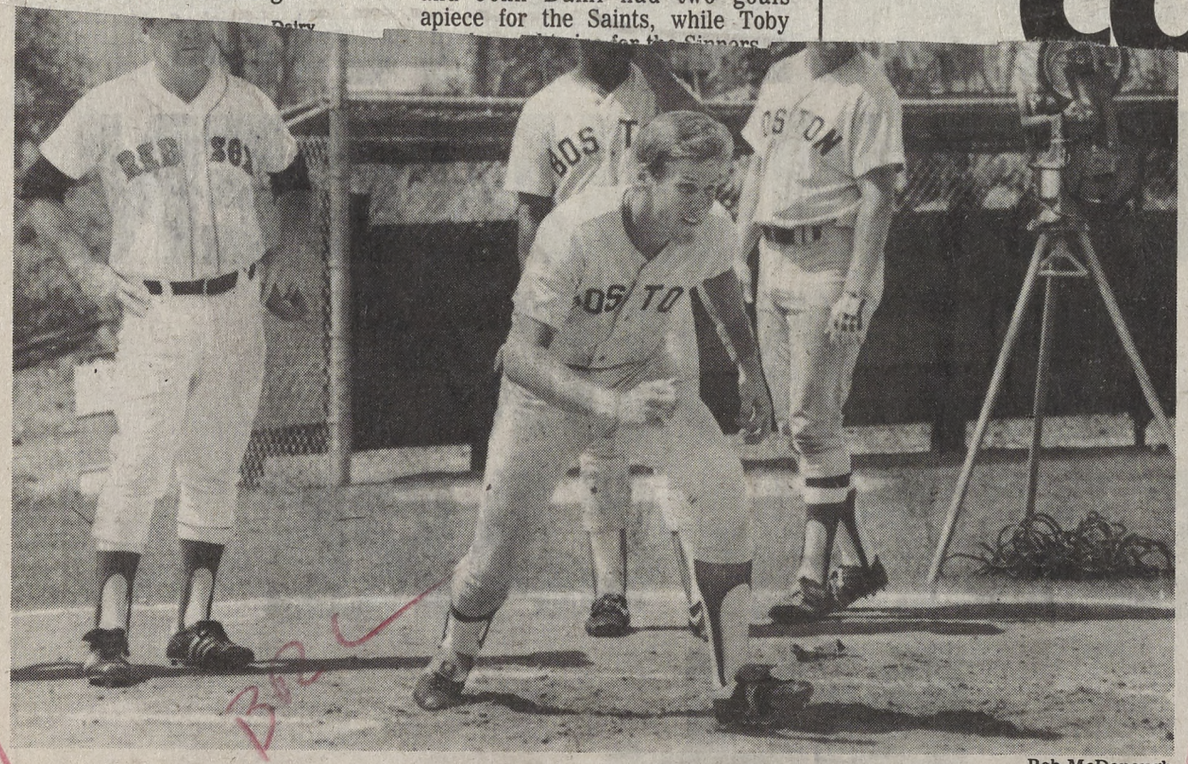
In an Eagle story yesterday on registration for the league, it was again reported that every youngster who tries out for the league will make a team.

But Nykorchuck said last night that may not be the case this year.

"We're really not sure if we can do it this year unless we get some more coaches and some more sponsors," he commented. "We'd like it keep it where everybody plays, but we won't be able to do that this year unless we get more support."

The popular local program is entering its 21st season.

Please note - back-to-back items



Bob McDonough

BASERUNNING DRILL in Winter Haven, Fla., finds Pittsfield native Russ Quetti breaking from the batter's box under the close scrutiny of Pawtucket Manager Joe Morgan, left, and some of Quetti's fellow minor leaguers.

Larkin's hit gives UMass 2-1 triumph

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COLLEGE BASEBALL: Former Pittsfield High infielder Joe Larkin drove in the winning run Tuesday as his University of Massachusetts baseball team downed Providence 2-1 in the first game of a doubleheader played in Providence.

With the score tied 1-1, Larkin delivered an infield hit in the sixth inning to drive in teammate Jack Perry with the deciding run.

Larkin is a senior outfielder on the UMass team.

The Minutemen are now 2-1 in their northern schedule and 5-10 overall.

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BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield 13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth League baseball program is now taking registration forms for the 1982 season, league President Jim Hassett announced.

Players interested in playing in the league this year should fill out the coupon printed in today's Eagle and return it to the Pittsfield Parks Department offices at 874 North St. or bring it to tryouts.

The tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. and Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m. The National Division tryouts will be held at Deming Field, while the American League tryouts will be conducted at Reid Junior High.

Players who live within boundaries for the East and North Little Leagues play in the American League Babe Ruth program, while players who live in the South and West Little League areas play in the National League.

Players, however, need not have played Little League baseball to try out for the Babe Ruth League.

More than 80 new players will be selected for the coming season. Players must be residents of Pittsfield and must be between 13 and 15 years old to be eligible for the league.

For additional information, players may contact the Parks Department office.

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25 Years Ago

David Polcaro, a senior at Pittsfield High School, became the school's first male winner of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation award to the outstanding retailing student. He was a student trainee at the W.T. Grant Co.

Louis Russo, former Pittsfield High football player and longtime coach of Tyler Aces grid teams, was elected president of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League for the 1957 season.

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BABE RUTH BASEBALL: Registration and tryouts for the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League age 13-to-15 division will begin Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at the Reid Middle School and Deming Field, with tryouts continuing next Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. at the same fields.

Tryouts at Reid are for American Division players who live in the area that includes the East and North Little League boundaries. At Deming, tryouts are for National Division players who live in the area including the West and South Little League boundaries.

Players will be charged $5 to help defray league expenses. Only 52 boys have registered thus far, and the league needs at least 85 boys to complete the 1982 roster. The league's 30th season is scheduled to open May 30.

* APR 21 1982 *



Mark Mitchell

SIGNING the contract to bring the 1982 Western State Babe Ruth League all-star baseball tournament to Pittsfield is tournament co-chairman Al Bradley in ceremonies yesterday at Howard Johnson's. Looking on are, seated: tournament co-chairman Lionel Doucette, left, and Western State commissioner Larry Papagni of Worcester, right; and standing: Pittsfield Babe Ruth League President Jim Hassett, left, and Western State assistant commissioner Don Bigelow of Shrewsbury, right. The annual 13-to-15-year-old tournament will be played in July at Wahconah Park.

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BUSY AFTERNOON for Pittsfield hurler Alex Pires, left, resulted in one win and one loss for his Wesleyan University team against Williams College Saturday. He won the first game with 3⅔ innings of scoreless relief, but lost the nightcap by giving up game-winning homer. At right is Wesleyan coach Pete Costacopoulos.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League baseball program has selected a total of 88 new players for the 1982 season, league president Jim Hassett announced.

The league consists of 16 teams, with eight teams playing in the American Division and eight more in the National.

The new players, and the respective teams and coaches are as follows:

NATIONAL DIVISION

Mass. Energy and Oil: Coach — Bernard Goclowski; Players — Patrick Codey, B.J. Goclowski, Paul Warren, Marc Murphy, Stephan Chrzanowski.

Union Federal: Coach — Bob Melle; Players — Ricardo Cordon, Brett Dowsett, Shaun Risley, Dan Carty, Ken Welter.

IUE Local 255: Coach — Eugene Masselli; Players — Marco Carnevale, Jamie DiMassimo, Dan Schilling, Jeff Quadrozzi, Jim Wlodkowski, Richard Grandfield.

GEAA: Coach — Mike McKeever; Players — Keith Dupont, Scott Jones, Danny Martin, Randy Paris, Steve Godinho.

Lipton Energy: Coach — Jim Collins; Players — Jack Filippi, Pat Tierney, John Waitekus, Chris Alibozek, David Zoladz, Jim Tellardira, Rick Koch.

Hermann Alexander's: Coach — Dennis Turnbull; Players — Anthony Barbara, Stephen King, Mike Lucido, John McCloskey, Mike Savolis, Jeff Furlano.

Sons of Italy: Coach — Buddy Sheran; Players — Joe Gamberoni, Darren Lee, Robert Maloney, Tim Rutka, Dave Potash.

Irish-American: Coach — Mark Pierson; Players — Thomas McKnight, Frank Sowalsky, Greg George, Darren Behan, Marc Parrott, Paul Newman.

AMERICAN DIVISION

General Electric: Coach — Dick Astore; Players — Jeff Astore, Chris Gould, Jeff Hanford, Dave Melle, Marty Streit, Tom Wilczenski.

Oliver's Auto Body: Coach — Ed Astore; Players — Dan Barry, Dave Gokey, Marcus Gomula, Don Kuhns, Miles Robinson.

Besse-Clarke: Coach — Bill Loehr; Players — Ken Fry, Steve Gniadek, Scott Nichols, Mike Taylor, Joe Thornton.

Arace-Datsun: Coach — John Salvie; Players — Bob Belford, Matt Kerwood, Dave Maffuccio, Terry McMahon, John Salvie.

Gildo's Auto Body: Coach — Fran Woodin; Players — Kevin Clement, Rob Gaucher, Ed Jones, Dave McNiece, Andy Moore, Mark Nykorchuck.

VFW: Coach — Mike Touhy; Players — Pete Ditomasso, Vin Mazzeo, Barry Moynihan, Steve White, Mike Yuill.

Adams Super Markets: Coach — Ed Sottile; Players — Bill Carron, Don Carlson, Steve Huska, Scott Johnson, Mike Slocik, Dave Tchorz.

O'Connell's: Coach — Dan DeSantis; Players — Gary Clemons, Bill DeSantis, Brennen Koozlowski, Chuck Murphy, Jeff White.

MAY 5 1982

BRL

May 8, 1982

Quetti heads for Italy to revive baseball career

Russ Quetti will apparently become the second Pittsfield shortstop within a month to find his professional baseball career revived in Europe.

Quetti, the 25-year-old former PHS and University of Maine star, was given his unconditional release by the Boston Red Sox in early April. But last night he announced he will join a team in Grosetto, Italy, which is being coached this year by Joe Zavattaro of Pittsfield, who is on a leave of absence as baseball coach and athletic director at North Adams State College.

Only three weeks ago, 23-year-old Paul Stockley of Pittsfield joined a team in Amsterdam, Holland, after he was released by the Oakland A's.

"I got a call from Zavattaro, and he wants me to play with his team until September," Quetti said last night. He said the arrangement includes a salary, apartment, car and meal money — a package Quetti said amounts to "more than I ever made in the minor leagues."

"It sounds like a real good deal, and I figured I'll never have the chance to do it again," Quetti said. He added that the team is based about two hours north of Rome, and plays in a professional league of eight or nine teams.

Quetti and his wife, the former Pamela Revord, plan to leave from Boston tomorrow afternoon and arrive in Rome Monday morning.

Quetti, who had been painting with his father and job-hunting since his surprise release by the Red Sox last month, said, "I'm glad to see something good finally happening."

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Mark Mitchell

No-hitter

May 10, 1982

Pittsfield High pitcher Rick Rabideau delivers to the plate during the seventh inning of his no-hit, no-run game Saturday against Taconic at Wahconah Park. Rabideau's no-hitter was the first one thrown in the Berkshire Hills Conference since 1978. PHS won the game 11-0. Story, other picture, on Page 29.

MAY 22 1982



Joel Librizzi

FIRST PURCHASE of a Pittsfield Babe Ruth League season ticket is made by Boys' Club Superintendent Jim Mooney from Mike Daley of the defending city champion Gildo's Auto Body team. The league will conduct its city-wide fund-raising ticket sale tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m.

MAY 29 1982

BRL will open its 31st season tomorrow

BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League will open its 31st season tomorrow an 1 p.m. with double-headers at the league's four fields. The circuit is for 13-15-year-olds.

The American Division games will be at Reid Middle School and Benedict Road. The National Division teams will play at Deming and Sackett parks.

The league schedule lists 176 games with each of the 16 teams playing 22 contests. Hermann Alexander's is a new sponsor in the National Division.

In conjunction with the state Babe Ruth Commission, the Pittsfield league will have a one-time collection tomorrow for the Jimmy Fund. The local league has led the state in contributions for the last three years.

Because of the rain last Sunday the one-day Babe Ruth ticket sale was conducted on separate nights during the week. Anyone, who was not contacted and would like to help support the league, may contact president Jim Hassett or make contributions to the Babe Ruth League in care of the Park Department.

The opening day slate is: Reid; VFW vs. Arace Datsun, Gildo Auto Body vs. Adams Super Markets: Benedict; General Electric vs. O'Connell Oil, Besse-Clarke vs. Oliver Auto Body: Deming; MASS Energy vs. Irish Americans, GEAA vs. Sons of Italy: Sackett; Union Federal vs. IUE Local 255, Lipton Oil vs. Hermann Alexander's. In case of rain the games will be played Monday at the same times.

SENIOR BABE RUTH: Registrations are being accepted for candidates for the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League. The league is for players 16 to 18 years of age. Players born between Aug. 1, 1963 and July 31, 1966 will be eligible.

Tryouts will begin at ~~Wahconah Park~~ Sunday, June 6, at 1 p.m. for 16-year-olds and at 3 for the 17- and 18-year-olds. The 16-year-old candidates will try out again Monday, June 7, at 6 and the 17- and-18-year-olds on Tuesday, June 8, at 6. Wednesday, June 9, will be reserved as a rain date or for tryouts for players to be named later. The players will be picked for the league following the Wednesday session.

The league, which is starting its fifth season, will open with a triple-header Sunday, June 13. The next games will be a triple-header Saturday, June 19. On Monday, June 21, the regular nightly schedule will begin. Another triple-header is slated for Sunday, June 27. The first half will end June 28 and the second half start June 29.

No games are scheduled for July 3, 4, 5. The season will end July 15. Contests will be played at Wahconah Park.

Returning sponsors are the Sons of Italy, Itam Lodge, Eagles, Sports Inc., Maiorano's Driving School, Mystic Lodge and Burger King. Players, who are chosen for teams, will be assessed a small fee to help defray league expenses.

Persons interested in coaching or assisting in the operation of the circuit may contact president Maury Vandersteen through the Park Department.

A registration coupon appears in the Eagle sports section today. Players should return the completed coupon to the Parks and Recreation Department at .874 North St. by Thursday.

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GOLF RESULTS: Marge Cleary and Jerry Fick had low gross with 44 in the Berkshire Hills Country Club Wednesday Night Scotch League. Shirley Molner and Ted DiPietro shot the low net with 29½.

The second through fourth low nets were: Mary Broderick and Jim Buckley, 31; Daurice Hirst and John Kearney, 34¾; Julie DiNicola and Bob Hirst, 36¾.

JUN 2 1982

Babe Ruth results

In Babe Ruth League baseball games last night Adams Super Markets defeated Oliver Auto Body 8-2 and Besse-Clarke downed Gildo Auto Body 7-1 in American Division games and Hermann Alexander's topped Sons of Italy 4-1 in the National Division. In another National clash, GEAA and Lipton's played to a 3-3 tie called because of darkness in the sixth inning.

Chris Cadenelli pitched a six-hitter for Adams Super Markets and fanned 10. Rick Levardi led the offense with a double and two singles.

Besse-Clarke pitcher Jim Nichols fired a four-hitter. Dave Chapman rapped a double and two singles for the victors.

Pitcher Tim Funk of Hermann Alexander's also threw a four-hitter. Alexander's managed only four hits off two Sons of Italy hurlers but drew 13 bases on balls.

In American Division season openers Sunday the results were: VFW 16, Arace Datsun 7; O'Connell Oil 9, GE 1; Oliver Auto Body 5, Besse-Clarke 4; Adams Super Markets 7, Gildo Auto Body 0. In the National openers the scores were: Lipton 12, Hermann Alexander's 3; GEAA 12, Sons of Italy 5; Union Federal 5, IUE 255 3; Mass Energy and Oil 7, Irish Americans 5.

JUN 3 1982

Babe Ruth League results

In a pair of close but high scoring games last night O'Connell Oil outslugged Arace Datsun 12-10 and VFW downed General Electric 10-8.

Paul Gaylord led the O'Connell attack with two doubles and two singles and three RBI. Jeff Blair had a double and single. Arace hurler Steve Ellsworth led his team with a double and single.

Barry Moynihan had a two-bagger and single for VFW and Jeff Colbert rapped two singles. T.J. Wilczewski had two hits for GE.

JUN 5 1982

SENIOR BRL: Tryouts for the Senior Babe Ruth League tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday have been shifted to Taconic High field from Wahconah Park because of the musical production of "Hair" at Wahconah. The time schedule will remain the same with the 16-year-olds trying out tomorrow at 1 and Monday night at 6, and the 17- and 18-year-olds trying out tomorrow at 3 and Tuesday night at 6.

JUN 5 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Shaun Sottile pitched a four-hit shutout and his teammates exploded for five runs in the seventh inning Thursday night as Adams Super Markets blanked General Electric 5-0 in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action.

Sottile walked one and struck out eight in picking up the win.

In other Thursday play, Mike Chapman was the winning pitcher and banged out three hits for two RBI as Besse-Clarke downed Arace Datsun 8-2. Chapman hurled three-hit ball over the first 5⅓ innings before Steve Gniadek came on in relief and threw hitless ball the rest of the way.

Last night, O'Connell Oil and Oliver Auto Body battled to a 5-5 tie in a game called because of darkness. O'Connell's Paul Gaylord and Kevin Kozlowski had two hits apiece.

Dominic Carnevale pitched a six-hitter last night as VFW edged Gildo's Auto Body 3-2. Todd Vittone drove in both runs with a single for Gildo's.

JUN 7 1982

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SENIOR BABE RUTH: Tryouts for the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League, rained out over the weekend, are now scheduled to begin tonight at 6 at the Taconic High field.

All players are asked to report to the THS field tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday. All three tryout sessions are slated to start at 6 p.m.

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JUN 8 1982

Babe Ruth League results

John Walton's triple and a squeeze bunt by Pete Beaudoin in the seventh inning last night gave Oliver Auto Body an 8-7 win over Arace Datsun-Mazda in the Pittsfield 13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth League.

Miles Robinson drove in four runs with a single and a homer for Oliver's, while Beaudoin added two hits and Walton emerged the winning pitcher.

Paul DiCroce had three hits for Arace's.

In other Babe Ruth League play last night, Gildo's Auto Body pushed across a run in the last half of the eighth inning to score a 4-3 win over General Electric.

Mike O'Hagerty was the winning pitcher in relief and sparked the Gildo's attack with a two-run homer. Joe Esposito had two hits for GE.

JUN 9 1982

Babe Ruth League results

VFW edged Adams Super Markets 2-1 last night. Dave Benham and Dominic Carnevale furnished the major part of the VFW offense. Benham had two singles, each of which drove in Carnevale with a run. Carnevale had a double and single. Winning pitcher Tony Arpante fired a seven-hitter and struck out eight.

Rich Levardi cracked a double and two singles for the Adams team. Losing pitcher Shaun Sottile had a pair of singles. Sottile gave up eight hits and fanned six.

Besse-Clarke rolled past O'Connell Oil 14-6. Jim Schneider had a three-run homer and single for Besse's and winning pitcher Jim Nichols had a double and single and drove in four runs. He pitched a six-hitter. Kyle Koslowski was charged with the loss.

JUN 10 1982

Babe Ruth League result

O'Connell Oil scored six runs in the sixth inning but the effort fell short as VFW beat the oilmen 11-10 last night at Benedict Road Field. The game was called because of darkness after six innings.

Dominic Carnevale was the winning pitcher. Ed Ladley with three hits and Tony Arpante with two led the winning attack.

Paul Gaylord, the losing pitcher, had three hits. Only one run off him was earned and he fanned nine. Jeff Blair had a double and single and Jeff McCarthy a double and single and three RBI for the losers.



Susan Plageman

RECIPIENTS of $500 awards from the Roger O'Gara scholarship fund last night were, left to right; seated, Joe Marziello and Chuck Seddon and standing, second left, Tim Higgins and third left, Jeff Cimini. At the left rear is George "Bud" Pellerin, who has coached all the recipients; Higgins and Seddon in football at St. Joseph's High, Marziello in football at Taconic and Cimini in baseball at Pittsfield High. At the right rear is Milt Geer, who was given a plaque by the Monday Morning Quarterbacks' Club in recognition of his years of service on the scholarship committee. A moment of silence was observed at last night's dinner for O'Gara, longtime sports editor of The Berkshire Eagle for whom the scholarship fund was named, who died May 29.

JUN 10 1982

Babe Ruth League results

JUN 11 1982

General Electric turned back Arace Datsun 5-3 last night at Benedict Road Field. Jeff Astore was the winning pitcher in relief. He threw four innings of no-hit ball. Marty Streit with a double and single and Chris Shepard with two singles paced GE.

Arace Datsun had just two hits. Losing pitcher Paul DiCroce nad Dave Maffucio had them.

At Reid Middle School, Oliver Auto Body defeated Gildo Body 7-2. Dale Surbaugh had three singles and Chris Barbarotta a double and single for Oliver. Jimmy Massari belted a triple and two doubles for Gildo. Peter Beaudoin went the distance on the mound for the victory.

Babe Ruth League results

JUN 16 1982

Lipton Oil, behind the four-hit pitching of Chris Alibozek, defeated Gildo's Auto Body 5-1 last night at Benedict Road Field. Alibozek struck out seven. Losing pitcher Mike O'Hagerty gave up seven hits and fanned 12. Only one run off him was earned.

Jim Collins banged out two doubles for Lipton Oil and Hank Kirchner had a double and single. Todd Vittone's two-bagger was the only extra-base blow for the losers.

GEAA hurler Rogers fires second BRL no-hitter of season

John Rogers pitched a no-hit, no-run game Saturday in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League as his GEAA team rolled to an 11-0 win over Union Federal at Sackett Brook Park.

Rogers walked just four and struck out 14 in the triumph. His no-hitter is the second in the league this season. The previous one was a 10-inning no-hitter tossed by Jim Meaney of Itam.

Rogers helped his own cause at the plate, banging out a single, double and triple while scoring three runs and driving in three others. GEAA's Dave Reynolds also had three hits.

Mass Energy & Oil Inc. beat General Electric 9-4 last night at Deming Field. Tim Miller lead the winning attack with four hits and four RBI. Eric Rubin had three hits, Bob Halik two with three RBI and Mike Archey two hits for the Energysquad.

Miller and Pat Murphy collaborated on a four-hitter with starter Miller getting credit for the victory.

JUN 15 1982

BASEBALL: A Berkshire County Senior Baseball League, for players ages 16-18, is being formed with teams representing Pittsfield, Dalton, Adams and Lee.

The four league teams are tentatively scheduled to play games on Sundays only, with each date scheduled as a double-header. The league is tentatively slated to open Sunday, June 27.

There will be a tryout session for the Pittsfield team Saturday at 9 a.m. at Wahconah Park. Registration for the team will also be held rain or shine. Players who failed to make either of the Pittsfield Legion teams of the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League are eligible to try out for this team.

Players born on or after August 1, 1963 or on or before August 1, 1966 are eligible to try out for the league. Anyone interested in coaching or assisting the league in any way is asked to contact the Pittsfield Parks Department.

JUN 16 1982

Babe Ruth League results

JUN 18 1982

The Irish Americans utilized walks and opposition errors for an 8-3 win last night at Benedict Road field. The winners had only three hits.

Mike Satrape sparked a six-run, third inning by the Irish Americans with two hits in the uprising. Leo Fairbanks was the winning pitcher on a seven-hitter. He struck out 11.

Marty Streit and Matt Murphy had three hits apiece for GE. One of Streit's hits was a home run. Joey Esposito was the losing hurler.

Babe Ruth League results

JUN 19 1982

IUE 255 scored single runs in the fifth and seventh innings to down Besse-Clarke 4-2 last night at Benedict Road Field. Joe Sondrini was the winning pitcher in relief. Jim Nichols was charged with the loss.

The pitchers did the heavy hitting also. Nichols had a double and two singles and Sondrini had three singles.

Babe Ruth League box scores wanted

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Times must be tough. *The Berkshire Eagle*, faced by rising cost of newsprint, high labor costs, inflation and a decrease in community pride and spirit, has decided that coverage of local sports below high-school level need be only cursory.

For instance, the box scores for Babe Ruth games have followed those of Little League and are gone — replaced by just a few lines acknowledging who won, and in some cases naming only the winning and losing pitchers.

If the high quality of the *Eagle* Sports Section, exemplified by the late Roger O'Gara's fine work, which stressed local sports, is to continue, it must be sensitive to what people want.

Speaking as a sports fan who likes to see what is happening nationally, I can get all of that from other media. Where else can we get local sports news?

Speaking as a Babe Ruth League coach, I use the box scores as a coaching tool, and I know the kids use them for scrapbooks, etc. Also a limited write-up gives the outstanding player, batter, etc., but a box score gives all the players' names. The sponsors who pay the money for uniforms each year get very little for their expense outside of the community contribution, which often goes unseen.

The quality of life in Pittsfield is suffering enough with the economy, inflation and Proposition 2½ cuts. Let *The Eagle* not contribute to this by ignoring the greatest of Pittsfield's natural resources, its youth.

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Pittsfield

JUN 21 1982

Babe Ruth League result

JUN 23 1982

The Sons of Italy scored five runs in the third inning and went on to a 9-6 win over Arace Datsun last night at Reid Middle School field. A two-run double by Bruce Podavini was the big hit in the rally.

Sons of Italy starter Jim Meany was the winning pitcher. He went the first 5⅓ innings. Peter Geranios finished up. Arace starter Mark Welch was the loser. He was relieved by Steve Ellsworth after three innings.

None of the winning team had more than one hit. Brian Traversa with a triple and two RBI and Welch with a double and single led Arace Datsun.

Hermann Alexander's rapped O'Connell Oil 15-6 at Deming Field. Pat Arace led the winning attack with a double and single. The restaurant team had just six hits but utilized 18 walks. Tom McCarthy had a double and single for O'Connell Oil and Jeff Reagan had two singles.

Tom Pia was the winning pitcher. Tom Moody took over in the sixth. Kyle Kozlowski, the first of three O'Connell pitchers, was charged with the loss.

GEAA turned back VFW 6-4 at Benedict Road Field. Bill Noble with a double and two singles and Dave MacHaffie with three singles paced GEAA. Dave Benham had two singles for VFW. Mark Nagleschmidt was the winning pitcher on a seven-hitter. Tony Arpante was the loser.

Mike O'Hagerty and Andy Moore limited Mass Energy to two hist as Gildo's Auto Body registered an 11-0 triumph at Benedict Road Field Monday night. O'Hagerty threw two-hit ball for six innings and struck out 14. Moore pitched a hitless seventh.

and O'Hagerty with two led the winning offense. Losing pitcher Pat Murphy and B.J. Goclowski had the two hits for Mass. Energy.

Babe Ruth League results

Dan Martin and John Rogers collaborated on a four-hitter as their GEAA team nipped Adams Super Markets 3-2 last night at Benedict Road Field. Martin went six innings to get the win and Rogers tossed a hitless seventh.

Martin also led GEAA offensively with two hits. Frank Ott paced the losers with a home run and single and drove in both the Adams Super Markets' runs. Dave Tchorz went the route and was charged with the loss.

Arace Datsun went ahead with three runs in the sixth inning to top Mass Energy 9-7 at Deming Field. A two-run triple by Paul DiCroce was the key blow in the rally. He also had a single and double. Winning pitcher Pete Ellsworth contributed three hits to the victory and Brian Traversa had a double and single.

Kurt Garivaltis was the losing pitcher. Mike Archey had three hits and B.J. Goclowski had two.

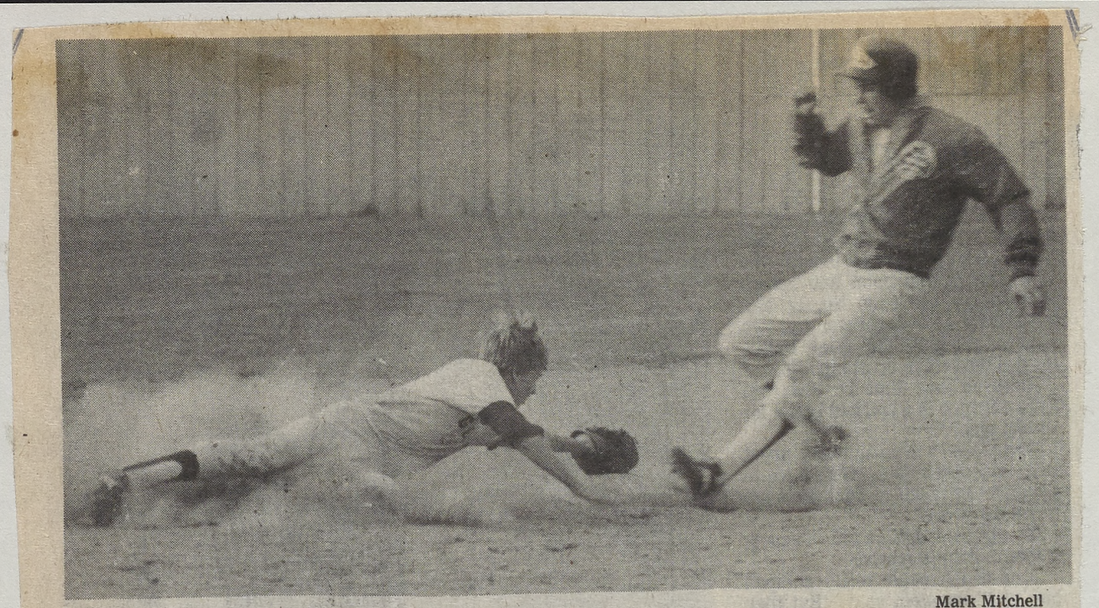
The Sons of Italy and Gildo Auto Body played to a 10-10 tie at Reid Middle School. The game was called after seven innings because of darkness.

Mike Andross, who had three hits, drove in the tying runs for the Sons of Italy in the seventh inning. Jim Meaney had two hits and Frank Algerio cracked a triple for the Sons of Italy.

Danny Moore and Mike O'Hagerty had two hits each for Gildo's. O'Hagerty had a triple and drove in three runs.

Jim Massari and Rob Sweeney did the pitching for Gildo's. Jamie Paul, Algerio and Jim Lee were the pitchers for Sons of Italy.

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Mark Mitchell

A STEP AHEAD of Dave MacHaffie's diving tag, Pittsfield Americans' pitcher Mike O'Hagerty scoots into second with a stolen base as Nationals' second baseman MacHaffie goes for the bag during last night's Babe Ruth League all-star playoff game at Wahconah Park. The Nationals were leading 4-3 when the game was suspended by darkness until today at 3. The winner earns an automatic berth in the Western State tournament as host team.

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Babe Ruth all-star playoff

Nationals lead Americans; game resumes today at 3

By Ray Lamont

The Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team stands just six outs away from a sixth straight berth in the states. But between them and that automatic tournament bid stand the Pittsfield Americans — just one run behind and with the tying run on base.

The Nationals and the Americans, Pittsfield's two 13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star teams, were in the sixth inning of their special playoff game to determine which club will be the host team in the Western State tournament at Wahconah Park next month. But with the Nationals leading 4-3 and an American runner on first in the last of the sixth, the game was called because of darkness. The game will be resumed today at 3 o'clock — again at Wahconah Park. Under national Babe Ruth League tournament rules, every playoff game must be to a full seven-inning completion. And any game suspended for any reason must be resumed from the point of suspension.

The teams will thus start play today with Americans' runner Frank Ott on first and nobody out in the last of the sixth. For the record, the Americans have the top of the batting order due up next.

The eventual winner of the game will go directly to the Western State tournament, slated to begin at Wahconah Park on July 23. The loser of the Americaans-Nationals clash may also still advance to the states. But they would have to do it the hard way — by winning the Berkshire County championship. The loser of today's game will join five other county teams in the county tournament, which is set to get under way on Saturday. The county winner will then join the host team and six other district champions in the states. The Western State winner will then go on to the regionals at Warwick, R.I., with the regional champion then advancing to the Babe Ruth League World Series to be held in Manchester, N.H.

With a good crowd of some 300 looking on at Wahconah Park, the Americans — seeking their first state tournament berth since they won the states in 1976 — jumped on top 1-0 in the second inning when Jim Nichols singled, stole second and rode home on a double off the bat of No. 9 hitter Frank Ott.

But the Nationals took the lead with a three-run third, sparked by RBI hits by pitcher John Rogers and Leo Fairbanks.

The Nationals added another run in the fourth, when Pete Quinlan beat out an infield hit, went to second when Mark Furciniti walked, scampered over to third on a wild pitch and scored on Jim Collins' single.

The Americans cut the margin to 4-3 in the fifth when Nichols singled in one run and when Tim McMahon, who had walked, raced home on a throwing error. But the Americans' rally ended abruptly when Nichols was thrown out at the plate while trying to score after tagging up on a fly ball to right. The key Nationals' relay throw went from right fielder Quinlan to first baseman Fairbanks to catcher Collins.

Ott then led off the Americans' sixth with a walk just before the umpires decided to suspend the game because of darkness.

Both starting pitchers went the distance last night, with GEAA ace Rogers hurling for the Nationals and Gildo's Auto Body left-hander Mike O'Hagerty pitching for the Americans.

Other games on

Pittsfield Babe Ruth League President Jim Hassett also emphasized that, in spite of the completion of the suspended game today, the league's regular-schedule 6 p.m. games tonight — as well as the Senior Babe Ruth League's 6 o'clock game at Wahconah Park — will still go on as scheduled.

Babe Ruth League results

Frank Ott and Dave Cadenelli combined to pitch a four-hitter and Dave Tchorz's triple sparked a three-run sixth inning as Adams Super Markets downed Itam 5-2 in a Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League game last night at Deming Field.

Reliever Cadenelli was credited with the victory, while Pete Geramios was tagged with the loss for Itam despite going all the way with a five-hitter. Dave Decelles had two hits for the losers.

In other Babe Ruth play last night, Jim Massari went 4-for-4 and Mike Daley picked up the pitching win as Gildo's Auto Body topped GEAA 9-5.

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Babe Ruth Senior League

Marty Ferris picked up the pitching win and Ted Motor banged out three hits as Burger King downed Mystic Lodge 14-3 in a Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League game at Wahconah Park.

Paul Cancilla had a single and a triple for Mystic. Chuck Gaylord was charged with the loss.

In other Senior Babe Ruth games, winning pitcher Jim DiMaina helped hi own cause with a pair of singles as Maoirano's downed the Sons of Italy 8-2, while Tom Ferguson was the winning hurler as the Sons of Italy downed Sports Inc., 8-5.

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Babe Ruth all-star playoff results

Jeff McCarthy and Jeff Blair collaborated on a no-hitter Friday night at Sackett Park as O'Connell Oil walloped Union Federal 17-0. O'Connell Oil scored 10 runs in the seventh inning.

McCarthy struck out six in four innings and Blair three in two innings. Paul Gaylord led the offense with five hits including a double and two triples. He drove in five runs and scored three. Kyle Koslowski had three hits and four RBI.

Chris Alibozek pitched a five-hitter and Sean Kirchner had a pair of hits as Lipton Energy downed Besse-Clarke 4-2. Chris Apple had two hits for Besse's. Mike Chapman hurled three-hit ball for Besse's but walked seven and was nonetheless tagged with the loss.

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Babe Ruth League results

Matt Murphy belted a solo homer with two out in the last of the seventh inning to give GE a 9-8 win over Union Federal last night at Benedict Road Field. Union Federal had tied the score with two runs in the top of the seventh on a wild pitch and an error.

Murphy also had a double and drove in three runs. Chris Shepard went 3 for 3 and drove in two runs. Mark Furciniite had three singles and three RBI for Union Federal and Gary DuBois had a pair of hits. Jeff Astore was the winning pitcher and DuBois the loser in relief.

Reid Middle School field had its second tie called because of darkness in two nights. IUE 255 and O'Connell Oil wound up deadlocked at 9-9 after eight innings. Wednesday night the Sons of Italy and Gildo's Auto Body tied 10-10.

Gary Bresnahan and Paul Gilardi shared the IUE pitching. Paul Gaylord went the route for O'Connell's. Bresnahan led his team at bat with two singles. Gaylord had a triple and two singles and Kyle Kozlowski had three singles for O'Connell Oil.

Lipton Oil trounced Oliver Auto Body 20-7 at Deming Field. Jim Tellendra went the first five innings to get the win and Jeff Daury finished up. Bob Gavin took the loss.

Daury had five hits and five RBI. Jim Collins helped the winners with two singles and a triple and three RBI and Chris Alibozek rapped a double and three singles. Chris Barbarotta banged two doubles and a single for the losers.

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Nationals, Americans in key Babe Ruth playoff tilt tomorrow

The two Pittsfield all-star teams will meet tomorrow night at 6 at Wahconah Park in a one-game playoff to determine which of the two teams will be the host team for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament here in late July.

The Pittsfield Nationals' all-stars will meet the Pittsfield Americans in tomorrow's contest, with the winner advancing directly to the states as the host club. The loser of tomorrow night's game will then go into the Berkshire County tournament, which is slated to get underway next weekend.

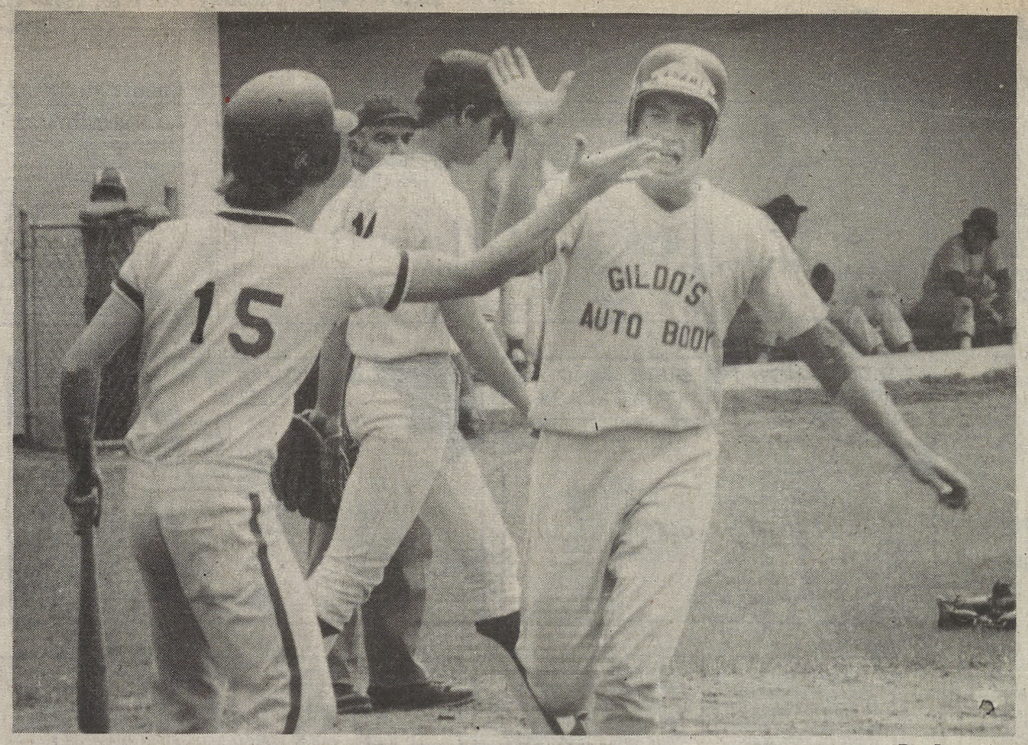
The county champion is scheduled to join the host team and six other district winners from as far away as Worcester for the Western State event at Wahconah Park July 23-29. The winner of that tournament will then go on to New England regional play, with the regional champ then advancing to the Babe Ruth League World Series in August at Manchester, N.H.

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UMPIRES' CLINIC: A clinic for any Pittsfield residents interested in umpiring in the Babe Ruth League will be held tomorrow morning starting at 9 at Lakewood Field. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. The clinic will be run by Steve Ricciarni and Ed Ladley.

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Ray Lamont

WELCOME HOME greeting to Mike O'Hagerty, right, is extended by teammate Rick LeVardi (15) after O'Hagerty scored the winning run for the Pittsfield Americans in yesterday's 5-4 Babe Ruth League all-star playoff win over the Pittsfield Nationals at Wahconah Park. O'Hagerty scored on a single by Jeff Blair. The win allows the Americans to advance to the Western State tournament as the host team for that event at Wahconah Park next month.

Babe Ruth all-stars

Americans win playoff to earn berth in states

By Ray Lamont

SPORTS

It had been six years since the Pittsfield Americans' Babe Ruth League all-star team had made the Western State tournament.

So it didn't seem to bother anyone that it took the Americans two days to earn their berth in the states this year.

That's right, they made it. Scoring two runs in the last half of the sixth inning, the Americans edged the Pittsfield Nationals 5-4 in the completion of a suspended game yesterday at Wahconah Park. And that victory puts the Americans directly into the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament as the host team for the states to be held at Wahconah Park beginning July 23.

The special playoff game between the two city teams was solely to determine which of the two local teams would host the states here next month. The Nationals, who have made the states the past five seasons, will begin county play Sunday against the winner of a Saturday game between South Berkshire and the South-Central League of Lenox.

The eventual county champion will then join the host Americans and six other district winners in the Western State event next month at Wahconah Park. The winner of that tournament will go on to the New England regionals in Warwick, R.I., and the regional champion will advance to the Babe Ruth League World Series in Manchester, N.H.

After yesterday's win, Americans' manager Ed Sottile let it be known just how good he thinks his team can be. "We're shooting right for Manchester," Sottile said in the midst of a jubilant American dugout. "This is a great bunch of kids. They want to go all the way."

The last time the Americans made the states, they won it — in 1976 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. The Nationals have also made the regionals the past two seasons, but no county team has ever made a Babe Ruth World Series.

The Americans' automatic berth in the states didn't come easy.

Sunday night, the game was suspended because of darkness with the Americans trailing 4-3 in the last of the sixth.

"We had momentum going then," Sottile said. "We had a man on and we were coming back when the game was suspended. I thought it might hurt us. But the kids just kept the momentum going. That was all they talked about when they came in here today. And they went out and did the job. I couldn't be happier for them."

When the game picked up yesterday, Nationals' pitcher Tom Pia came on to relieve John Rogers, who had started and gone the distance Sunday night — and Pia started strong, striking out Americans' leadoff hitter Paul Gaylord.

But Americans' runner Frank Ott, who had walked just before play was suspended on Sunday, then stole second and went to third on a bounding single to right by Mike O'Hagerty. O'Hagerty stole a base as well, placing runners on second and third.

That set the stage for the game-winning hit — a solid, two-run single to left-center by Americans' first baseman Jeff Blair.

All that remained after that was for Americans' reliever Shaun Sottile to come on a nail down the win for O'Hagerty, who had gone the distance the night before as well. And the younger Sottile pitched hitless ball in the top of the seventh to wrap up the triumph.

The complete game score:

Americans	ab	r	h	bi	Nationals	ab	r	h	bi
Gaylord, 3b	3	0	1	0	Furciniti,cf	3	0	1	0
O'Hagerty, p	3	1	1	0	Turnbull, 3b	3	1	0	0
Sottile, p	0	0	0	0	Collins, c	4	0	2	1
Blair, 1b	4	0	2	2	Rogers, d,lf	3	1	2	1
Barbarota,lf	1	0	0	0	Fairbanks,1b	4	0	1	1
LeVardi, lf	2	1	1	0	MacHaffie,2b	2	0	0	0
McMahon, cf	2	1	0	0	Daury, ph	1	0	0	0
Nichols, ss	3	1	2	1	Meaney, ss	1	0	0	0
McCarthy, c	2	0	0	0	Paul, lf	3	0	0	0
Schneider,pr	0	0	0	0	Pia, p	0	0	0	0
Arpante, 2b	2	0	0	0	Quinlan, rf	2	2	1	0
Ott, rf	1	1	1	1					
Totals	23	5	8	4	Totals	26	4	7	3
Nationals					003	100	0	0	4
Americans					010	022			5

E — Americans 2, Nationals 1, DP — Nationals 2, LOB — Nationals 8, Americans 8, 2B — Ott, SB — O'Hagerty 2, Nichols, Ott, Turnbull, Collins, Rogers, Fairbanks, Meaney. S — Arpante.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
O'Hagerty (W 1-0)	6	7	4	4	5	9
Sottile (Save)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rogers	5	6	4	2	7	4
Pia (L 0-1)	1	2	1	1	0	1

WP — Rogers, O'Hagerty, T — 2 hrs., 45 minutes, PB — Collins, Umpires — Joe Dahrouge, Steve Ricciarini, Joe Marziello, Joe Harrison.

County BRL tournament opens with four games

Four games this weekend open the 1982 Berkshire County Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old all-star tournament.

The double-elimination event includes six teams, with the eventual county champion earning a berth in the Western State tournament to be held beginning July 23 at Wahconah Park. The Western State winner will then gain a berth in the New England regionals at Warwick, R.I., from where the regional titlist will go on to the Babe Ruth League World Series in August in Manchester, N.H.

The Pittsfield Americans have already gained a berth in the states, having beaten the Pittsfield Nationals in a special playoff game Monday to earn the right to be the host team for the Western State event.

That means the Nationals, who have won the county and Western State titles in each of the last two seasons, will be back in the county tournament trying to defend their championship. The Nationals and Lee, however, have both drawn first-round byes for the county series.

In opening games tomorrow, the Dalton all-stars will meet the Adams all-stars at Renfrew Field in Adams, while the South Berkshire all-stars and the South-Central League all-stars will square off at War Memorial Field, Lenox.

The winners of those games will play again Sunday, with the Dalton-Adams winner hosting Lee while the Nationals will be at the winner of the game between South-Central and South Berkshire.

All four weekend games are slated to start at 1:30.

The tournament will continue with losers' bracket play Wednesday, and the winners' bracket finals are set for Saturday, July 10. The losers' bracket finals are Sunday, July 11, with the two surviving teams then meeting in the championship finals on Saturday, July 17.

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Babe Ruth League results

Oliver Auto Body defeated Mass. Energy and the Sons of Italy beat General Electric by the same scores of 11-7 last night in the Babe Ruth League.

In Oliver's win, Peter Beaudoin fired a five-hitter and struck out 10. Shaun Griffin, the loser in six innings of relief pitching, also fanned 10 but gave up 11 hits.

Lester Chrostowski, Beaudoin and Chris Barbarotta of Oliver's and Eric Rubin of Mass. Energy each had two singles.

Sons of Italy winning pitcher in relief, Jimmy Lee, had a double and single, starting pitcher Frank Algerio clouted a three-run homer and Jamie Paul had a pair of singles in the winning cause. Ed Shepard had two hits for GE. Tony Talkowski was the losing pitcher. He was relieved in the fourth inning by Jeff Astore.

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County Senior Baseball League

In opening games Sunday of the newly formed Berkshire County Senior Baseball League, Adams swept a doubleheader from Dalton 20-6 and 7-6 at Renfrew Field at Adams and Lee took both games of a twin bill over Pittsfield 13-6 and 4-3 at Lee High School.

Mike Pettithory allowed just three hits for Adams in the first five innings of the first game. Jon Provost and Bruce Zieba had two hits each to pace the winning attack. Bob Kittler was the winner of the second contest although he needed help from Ken Williams, who got a save, in quelling a strong Dalton comeback. Kittler also contributed three hits to the victory.

Lee went ahead to stay in the first game with a four-run fourth inning. In the second game the home team rallied for four hits and three runs in the last of the seventh to pull out the triumph.

The next games will be July 11 when Pittsfield will be at Adams and Lee will play at Dalton.

Babe Ruth League results

Hermann Alexander's Restaurant turned back VFW 4-2 last night in a well-pitched game at Reid Middle School. Each team had six hits, all singles, and only two runs in the contest were earned.

Tom Pia, Tim Funk and Mike Lucido did the pitching for Hermann Alexander's.

Lucido got the win. Jeff Colbert went all the way for VFW. Ed Ladley and Barry Moynihan led the VFW offense with two hits each. None of the winning team had more than one hit.

The Sons of Italy defeated O'Connell Oil 7-3 at Benedict Road Field. Winning pitcher Jim Meaney and loser Paul Gaylord went the route with a seven-hitter and nine-hitter respectively. Meaney, Dave Deceles and Jamie Paul had two hits apiece for the victors. Gaylord and Jeff McCarthy each had a double and single for O'Connell's.

Paul made a sensational catch as he crashed into the left field fence in the seventh inning to rob Gaylord of another extra base blow.

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Dalton tops Lee in Babe Ruth '13' tournament

DALTON — Matt McGovern pitched a one-hitter and sparked his team's attack with a single and a triple last night as the Dalton Babe Ruth League's 13-year-old all-star team downed Lee 13-1 in the Berkshire County 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-star tournament.

The win means that Dalton will advance to the finals and will meet South Berkshire for the county title next Friday night at 5:30 at Dalton's Pine Grove Park. South Berkshire is unbeaten in the double-elimination, while Dalton has one loss and must beat South Berkshire twice to win the championship.

The county champion will then advance to the Western State 13-year-old tournament July 16-17-18 at Westfield. The winner of that tournament can then go on to regional and World Series competition.

Last night's loss eliminated Lee from the three-team county tournament.

Aaron Epstein also boosted the Dalton offense last night with a single and a double. Todd Cerruti had the only hit for Lee, a single in the top of the fourth.

County Babe Ruth tourney

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Dalton, Nationals advance unbeaten

By Ray Lamont

The Dalton all-stars and the defending champion Pittsfield Nationals emerged as the only unbeaten teams over the weekend after first and second-round play in the Berkshire County Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old all-star tournament.

Dalton opened the tournament Saturday by scoring a 7-2 win over the Adams all-stars at Renfrew Field in Adams, and then won its second-round game Sunday, beating Lee by a 6-0 count at Pine Grove Park in Dalton.

The Nationals, who have won the county and Western State tournament in each of the past two seasons, drew a first-round bye through Saturday's play and then upended the South-Central League of Lenox 6-4 Sunday at War Memorial Field in Lenox. South-Central had reached the second round by nipping the South Berkshire League all-stars of Great Barrington 5-4 on Saturday in another game at Lenox.

The results mean that Dalton and the Nationals will meet in a battle of unbeatens next Saturday at 1:30 at Deming Field, with the winner of that game advancing straight to the county championship finals the following week. All four other teams, however, are still alive in the double-elimination tournament, and they will begin the long road back through the losers bracket tomorrow night at 5:30 when Adams plays the South-Central League at Lenox while Lee and South Berkshire will square off at the Lee High field.

The eventual county champion will then earn a berth in the Western State tournament, beginning July 23 at Wahconah Park. The state tourney winner will then go on to the New England regionals at Warwick, R.I., while the regional titlist will gain a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series in Manchester, N.H.

The Pittsfield Americans, who beat the Nationals in a special playoff game last week, are already in the Western State event as Pittsfield's designated host team.

Saturday's games

In Saturday's games, Dalton scooted out to a quick 4-0 lead en route to its 7-2 win over Adams, while South-Central team edged South Berkshire 5-4 on a balk in the last of the seventh.

In Adams, Mark Kaley had three hits and two RBI to help spark Dalton to its opening-round triumph.

Bunt singles by Kaley and Steve Wendell, a hit by winning pitcher Mike Gallagher and an RBI hit by Kevin Gage carried Dalton to a three-run first, and the visitors added another run on a Kaley RBI single in the second.

Adams got on the board when Jason Robinson drew a bases-loaded walk in the last of the fourth, but Dalton wrapped things up in the seventh, thanks to an RBI triple by Lou Bean and run-scoring singles by Kaley and pinch-hitter Pat Roche. Gallagher walked four straight men, with Adams' Gary Blanchette drawing a bases-loaded pass, in the last of the seventh, but Dalton reliever Chip Moore came on to get out of further trouble to preserve the victory.

At Lenox, South Central had just two hits off the combined Southern pitching of Mike Shultis and Tom Ingersol, but the home team pulled out the victory on a rare catcher's balk while Ingersol was trying to give Lenox's Gordie Soule an intentional walk with runners on second and third in the last of the seventh.

With the score tied 2-2, a two-run single by eventual winning pitcher Bill Fox gave South-Central a 4-2 lead in the last of the third. South Berkshire tied it in the top of the sixth on a safety squeeze bunt by Brian Mooney and an RBI single by George Soudant.

But Tom Fielding walked, went to third on Steve Cassella's bunt and an error, and scored on the balk to win it for South-Central.

Fox gave up five hits, walked just one and struck out one in going the distance to get the win.

Sunday's games

Sunday, the Pittsfield Nationals overcame an early 2-0 deficit with a five-run sixth inning to beat South-Central and advance to the third round in the winners' bracket.

South-Central took its early lead on a Mike Gutierrez RBI double in the first and doubles by Cassella and Pete Bartlett in the fourth.

But a leadoff double by Jim Collins, an RBI hit by Pete Geranios and a two-run double off the bat of Mark Furciniti carried the Nationals to a 5-2 lead in the top of the sixth.

A bases-loaded single by South-Central's Tom Desaulniers put his team back in it in the last of the sixth, and after Pittsfield added an unearned run in the top of the seventh, South-Central threatened in the last of the seventh and scored when Cassella reached on an error. But left-hander Jeff Daury, working in relief of starter and winner Leo Fairbanks, escaped further damage and enabled the Nationals to post the victory.

Dalton's Steve Wendell scattered seven hits, did not walk a man and struck out 11 as his team shut out Lee 6-0 in the second round on Sunday at Dalton's Pine Grove Park. Lee had also drawn an opening-round bye.

Dalton took a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Mike Gallagher singled, stole second, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on Mike Lane's suicide squeeze bunt.

Dalton then erupted for five runs in the fifth, scoring on a two-run triple by Greg Viner, an RBI hit by Bean and a run-scoring single off the bat of Sam Herrick.

Jim Cooney and Tim Wells each had two hits to lead the Dalton attack. Wells, the catcher, also had a big game defensively, throwing out three Lee runners on the base paths.

Dave Zerbato was the losing pitcher despite going the distance on the mound for Lee.

County Ruth tourney slated to resume with 2 games tonight

The Berkshire County Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old all-star tournament will resume tonight with losers' bracket games in both Lee and Lenox.

The Lee all-stars will take on the South Berkshire all-stars at 5:30 at the Lee High field, while the South-Central all-stars of Lenox will host the Adams all-stars at 5:30 at War Memorial Field in Lenox.

The winners of tonight's games will advance to the next round and will play each other Saturday at the home of the Lee-South Berkshire winner. Tonight's losers will be eliminated from the double-elimination tournament. All four teams in tonight's games lost games in first or second-round play this past weekend.

The only two unbeaten teams in the county tournament — Dalton and the Pittsfield Nationals — will meet head-on Saturday in a third-round game at Deming Field, with the winner of that game advancing to the county championship finals on July 17.

The eventual county champion will join the host Pittsfield Americans and six other district winners in the Western State tournament beginning July 23 at Wahconah Park.

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Adams, South Berkshire stay alive in BRL tourney

The Adams and South Berkshire League all-stars both posted victories last night to stay alive in the Berkshire County Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old all-star baseball tournament.

Adams advanced with a 10-0 win over the South-Central League all-stars at War Memorial Field in Lenox, while South Berkshire downed Lee 7-2 in a game played at the Lee High field. The losses knocked both Lee and South-Central out of the double-elimination tournament.

The victories mean that Adams and South Berkshire, who have one loss apiece, will now meet head-on Saturday in another losers' bracket game at 1:30 at Memorial Field in Great Barrington.

The only two unbeaten teams remaining in the tournament — Dalton and the Pittsfield Nationals — will also meet Saturday at 1:30 at Deming Field. The winner of that game will earn a berth in the July 17 county championship finals, while the Dalton-National loser will play the Adams-South Berkshire winner in the losers' bracket finals on Sunday. That game will be played at either Adams or Great Barrington.

The survivor of that Sunday game will then also advance to the county championship round.

The county champion will earn a berth in the Western State tournament, hosted by the Pittsfield Americans, beginning July 23 at Wahconah Park.

Two-hitter

In last night's game at Lenox, Jim Twardowski pitched a two-hit shutout, did not walk a man and struck out three as Adams rebounded from its first-round loss to Dalton last Saturday.

Adams scored once in the first, on an RBI hit by Gary Roberts, once more in the third, on Gary Blanchette's fielder's choice grounder, and once again in the fourth — on an RBI hit by Mark Plantier — before wrapping up the game with a big seven-run seventh.

A two-run single by Plantier also highlighted the big Adams seventh.

Bill Fox pitched well in defeat for South-Central, working into the seventh and giving up just four hits and two earned runs. He struck out five before being relieved by Bill LeBlanc.

South Berkshire wins

In the game at Lee, Bob Stevens scattered seven hits in picking up the pitching win and banged out three hits at the plate in leading South Berkshire to its victory.

South Berkshire scored three runs in the first, highlighted by John Ingersol's two-run triple, and added its other four runs in the third, an inning that included back-to-back doubles by George Soudant and Tom Shultis.

Bob Wood had two hits for Lee, which got a strong relief pitching effort out of Erick Kohlenberger. Kohlenberger allowed just one hit and no runs over the final 4⅔ innings.

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Babe Ruth League results

Pat Murphy was the winning pitcher and Eric Rubin had a pair of hits as Mass. Energy and Oil downed the Irish Americans 6-3.

Murphy did not give up an earned run and allowed six hits while walking five and striking out one. Mike Satrape had a pair of hits and Craig Smith pitched five-hit ball in a losing effort for the Irish.

Housing help needed for Babe Ruth states

With the start of the Western State Babe Ruth League all-star tournament less than two weeks away, tournament officials have announced there is still a need for Central Berkshire families to house visiting players for the weeklong event.

The tournament is set to run from July 23-29, with all games to be played at Wahconah Park. There will be two Berkshire County teams — the host Pittsfield Americans and the county champion — in the eight-team field. But the six other teams will be from the Connecticut Valley or the Worcester area, so those players must be housed with local families.

Anyone who can house playes for the tournament should contact tournament committee member Karen McKenna at her home at 21 Fairfield St.

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Babe Ruth all-stars

Nats remain unbeaten; Dalton gains finals, too

By Ray Lamont

The Pittsfield National Babe Ruth all-stars, the two-time defending county and Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star champions, took a giant step toward a possible third straight county crown Saturday when they scored an 8-3 win over the Dalton all-stars in a third-round winners' bracket game at Deming Field.

The victory left the Nationals as the only unbeaten team in the double-elimination tournament and propelled the Pittsfield team straight into the county finals, scheduled for next Saturday.

In the finals, the Nationals will again face Dalton, which, after losing on Saturday, came back to score an 18-3 triumph over South Berkshire in the losers' bracket finals yesterday at Memorial Field in Great Barrington. South Berkshire had advanced by beating Adams 8-3 in another losers' bracket game in Great Barrington on Saturday.

The Nationals and Dalton will meet for the county title Saturday, starting at 1:30, again at the Nationals' home base, Deming Field. The Nationals need to win just one game and eliminate Dalton to win the county championship. If Dalton wins the 1:30 game Saturday, that would force a second title game because each team would then have one loss. If necessary, that second game would be played immediately after the conclusion of the first, also at Deming Field.

The county champion will gain a berth in the Western State tournament, slated to start at Wahconah Park on July 23. Another county team, the Pittsfield Americans, has already qualified for the states as the host team.

The Western State winner will then go on to New England Regional play in Warwick, R.I., with the regional titlist advancing to the Babe Ruth League World Series in August at Manchester, N.H.

Nationals 8, Dalton 3

Winning pitcher John Rogers helped his own cause by belting a three-run, first-inning homer Saturday as the Nationals downed Dalton in a battle of unbeatens at Deming Field.

Dalton jumped on top 1-0, thanks to Kevin Gage's RBI single in the top of the first.

But the Nationals erupted for six runs in the last of the first, sparked by Rogers' three-run homer, a two-run homer by Mike Archey, a triple by Brian Turnbull and a run-scoring bunt base hit off the bat of Jeff Daury.

Suddenly down by five, Dalton never completely recovered.

Mike Gallagher's run-scoring infield hit gave the Dalton stars another run in the third, but Pittsfield's Leo Fairbanks answered tnat with a solo home run in the last of the third.

And Pete Quinlan singled in the final Nationals' run in the fifth, before a pinch-hit RBI single by Jeff Crofts plated the last Dalton tally in the sixth.

Rogers scattered eight hits, walked five and struck out three in getting the win, while Dalton starter Gallagher was tagged with the loss.

Nationals	ab	r	h	bi	Dalton	ab	r	h	bi
Furciniti cf	4	0	1	0	Bean ss	4	1	1	0
Meaney ss	2	1	0	0	Kaley 3b	3	0	1	0
Collins c	3	0	0	0	Galgher p-cf	4	1	2	1
Fairbanks 3b	2	2	1	1	Gage rf-c	2	1	1	1
Rogers p	4	1	1	3	Viner lf	2	0	0	0
Turnbull 2b	4	1	2	0	Lane 2b	3	0	1	0
Daury 1b	3	2	3	1	Wendell cf	1	0	0	0
Archey lf	2	1	2	2	Moore p	1	0	1	0
Quinlan rf	2	0	1	1	Wells c	2	0	0	0
					Crofts ph-rf	1	0	1	1
					Cooney 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	26	8	11	8	Totals	26	3	8	3

Dalton	101	001	0—3
Nationals	601	010	x—8

E — Nationals 4, Dalton 1; DP — Nationals 1, Dalton 1; LOB — Nationals 8, Dalton 7; 2B — Gallagher; 3B — Turnbull; HR — Rogers, Archey, Fairbanks; SB — Collins, Meaney; S — Archey, Meaney

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Rogers (W2-0)	7	8	3	2	5	3
Gallagher (L 1-1)	2⅓	5	7	7	2	1
Moore	3⅔	6	1	1	1	1

WP — Moore; BALK — Rogers; T — 2 hours; HBP — Collins, Fairbanks (By Moore); Umpires — L.A. Jones, Dick DiOrio

Dalton rebounds

After bowing to the Nationals, Dalton hammered its way back into the finals yesterday by walloping South Berkshire.

Steve Wendell got the win for Dalton — his second straight victory of the tournament — by hurling six innings of six-hit ball before Lou Bean mopped up in the seventh.

Wendell also went 4-for-5 to help spark a 21-hit Dalton attack. Bean also had a big day, banging out three singles and a double, while Gallagher had a triple and two singles and Tim Wells went 3-for-4, including a two-run single in the third. Kevin Gage had two hits and two RBI. George Soudant had a single and a double for South Berkshire.

Dalton opened a 4-0 lead in the first inning and was never headed, eventually widening that edge to 13-0 on the strength of a six-run surge in the fifth.

Saturday, South Berkshire eliminated Adams as Mike Shultis picked up the pitching win with last-inning relief help from Brian Mooney.

Matt Coon had two singles and a triple and Steve Soule went 2-for-3 for South Berkshire, which, before losing yesterday to Dalton, had battled back to win two straight games after an opening-round, one-run loss to the South-Central League of Lenox.



Ray Lamont

HAPPY TEAMMATES rush to greet home-run hitter Mike Archey (10) after he belted a two-run homer for the Pittsfield Nationals in Saturday's 8-3 win over Babe Ruth League all-star win over Dalton at Deming Field.



Mark Mitchell

KEEPING HIS COOL between innings, Pittsfield Nationals' Tom Pia buries his head in a wet towel to fight off the 90-degree temperatures during Saturday's Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old county championship game against Dalton. Pia hurled six innings of two-hit ball to lead his team to a 7-0 win.

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Nationals win county Babe Ruth title

By Ray Lamont

When the Western State Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old all-star tournament starts at Wahconah Park Friday, Pittsfield fans will be able to root for not just one team, but two.

The Pittsfield Nationals, beaten out by the Pittsfield Americans last month in a special playoff to decide which of the two teams would be the host team for the states, made the grade as well Saturday when they won the Berkshire County 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League championship by defeating Dalton 7-0 at Deming Field.

The victory marks the third straight year the Nationals have won the county title, and gives the team a chance to nail down an unprecedented third consecutive Western State title as well. The Nationals won the states the last two years in Oxford and Shrewsbury.

The Nationals thus join the Americans and six other district winners in the Western State event, to begin here with four first-round games on Friday. The Nationals will begin their bid for a third straight Western State crown Friday night at 5 against District 2 champion Longmeadow. The Americans will play Friday night at 8 against the yet-to-be-named District 6 titlist.

The Western State tournament is an eight-team double-elimination event slated to run from this Friday through the following Wednesday, with all games slated for Wahconah Park. The winner of that tournament will then earn a berth in the New England Regional tournament starting August 7 in Keene, N.H. The regional winner will then move on to the Babe Ruth League World Series, scheduled to begin August 21 in Manchester, N.H.

Playing in steamy, 90-degree temperatures, the Nationals and Dalton were faced with the possibility of going to a double-header Saturday. If Dalton won the first game, that would have left both teams with one loss in the double-elimination county tourney, and the two teams would have had to play again.

But the Nationals put an end to those chances in a hurry. The Pittsfield team scored three runs without benefit of a hit in the first inning, added two more tallies in the second, and wrapped up the triumph with a two-run sixth to complete a perfect 3-0 sweep of the county tournament.

Pia stars

The Nationals' star of the game had to be right-handed pitcher Tom Pia, who allowed just two hits and pitched his way out of three straight jams in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Pia was relieved by shortstop Jim Meaney after walking Dalton's Jim Cooney to start the seventh, and Meaney got the side 1-2-3 after that to nail down the victory.

Pia's performance came in spite of the grueling temperatures and also in the wake of arm trouble which has plagued him since last season. A choice for the all-star team as a 14-year-old a year ago, Pia missed the entire all-star slate last year and a good part of the regular season this year because of elbow injuries. But he had pitched for his regular-season GEAA team last week, and Nationals' manager Buddy Collins decided to go with him in Saturday's finals.

Nationals	ab	r	h	bi	Dalton	ab	r	h	bi
Furciniti,cf	2	2	1	0	Bean, ss	3	0	0	0
Meaney, ss,p	1	2	0	0	Kaley, 3b,cf	4	0	0	0
Collins, c	2	1	1	1	Galaher,p,cf	3	0	1	0
Farbank,1bss	3	0	0	1	Gage, lf	0	0	0	0
Turnbull, 2b	3	1	1	0	Herrick, rf	1	0	0	0
Daury, lf,1b	3	0	0	0	Crofts, rf	1	0	1	0
Archey, rf	3	0	0	0	Viner, rf,lf	2	0	0	0
Quinlan, 3b	2	0	0	0	Lane, 2b	2	0	0	0
Paul, ph	1	0	1	0	Cowlin, 3b	0	0	0	0
Pia, p	1	1	0	0	Wendell, cf	0	0	0	0
Geranios, ph	1	0	0	0	Moore, p,3b	1	0	0	0
MacHaffie,lf	0	0	0	0	Wells, p,3b	1	0	0	0
					Cooney, 1b	2	0	0	0
					Roche, pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	7	4	2	Totals	22	0	2	0

Nationals 230 002 —7

E — Dalton 3, Nationals 0; DP — Nationals 1, Dalton 1; LOB — Dalton 9, Nationals 9; SB — Collins, Quinlan, Turnbull; S — Furciniti, Meaney.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pia (W 1-0)	6	2	0	0	6	8
Meaney	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gallagher (L 1-2)	4	2	4	1	4	4
Moore	2	2	3	2	4	0

WP — Pia; T — 2 hrs., 25 minutes; PB — Collins; HBP — Gage, Wendell (By Pia), Collins, (By Gallagher); Umpires — Ed Ladley, Dick DiOrio, Joe Harrison.

"I'm very happy with Tom's performance today," Collins said afterward. "He's tough, and he was tough today when he had to be the toughest. He had the bases loaded a couple of times [in the fourth and sixth], but he didn't give in one bit. He got tired later on, but who wouldn't be tired on a day like this?"

The Nationals also backed Pia with a flawless defensive effort, and second baseman Brian Turnbull helped Pia get out of the sixth-inning jam when he fielded a ground ball, tagged Dalton runner Jeff Crofts on his way to second, and fired back to first to compete a double play. That essentially broke up Dalton's final scoring bid of the day.

"They all played well today," Collins said of his players. "This is a real solid team, and I think we're going to do well."

Just four hits

The Nationals had only four hits themselves off the combined Dalton pitching efforts of Mike Gallagher and Chip Moore. Gallagher started, was relieved by Moore after walking the first two Nationals hitters, and later returned to the hill from center field to hurl strong two-hit ball over the final four innings.

But four straight walks and an error gave Pittsfield two runs in the first inning, an RBI hit by Jim Collins and another key Dalton error produced three more runs in the second, and the Nationals added two more runs in the seventh, with Meaney scoring on an error before Turnbull raced in on the front end of a double-steal attempt.

Pia retired the first nine Dalton batters he faced, and the visitors stranded nine men over the final four innings.

"We didn't really have a good game today," Dalton manager Howie Eberwein said afterward. "But we had a good tournament. This was the first time we'd made the finals in a while [three years] and the kids did well. It's a good tournament, and it's good experience for the kids. That's what counts. We can't complain."



Mark Mitchell

TAGGED OUT by Dalton catcher Tim Wells, Pittsfield Nationals' runner Jim Collins had tried to score on an infield grounder during the sixth inning of Saturday's Babe Ruth League county championship game at Deming Field. Umpire Ed Ladley eyes the action. Collins's run wasn't needed after all. The Nationals won the county title by beating Dalton 7-0.

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Eight-team field set for Babe Ruth tournament here

By Ray Lamont

The eight-team field has been determined for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star tournament, which begins with four games Friday at Wahconah Park.

Pittsfield has two teams in the eight-team field — the Pittsfield Americans, who defeated the Pittsfield Nationals last month to earn the right to be the host team, and the Nationals, who earned their own state berth by winning the Berkshire County tournament for the third straight year on Saturday.

Other entries include District 2 champion Longmeadow, District 3 titlist Amherst, District 4 champion Athol and three teams from the Worcester area. The Joe Schwartz League of Worcester won the District 5 championship, the Ty Cobb League of Worcester is the District 6 champ, and Oxford, which hosted the states two years ago, is in as the District 7 winner.

The presence of the Ty Cobb League marks the first time in six years the Tom Ash League of Worcester has not won that district title.

First-day pairings on Friday will have Amherst meeting the Schwartz League at 11 a.m., while Athol and Oxford will square off at 2.

The Nationals will begin their bid for an unprecedented third straight Western State crown when they take on Longmeadow at 5, while the host Americans, making their first state tournament appearance since they won the title in 1976, will face the Ty Cobb League Friday night at 8.

Play will continue with four more games on Saturday. If both Pittsfield teams win Friday, they will meet head-on in the second round at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The double-elimination tournament will run through next Wednesday, with the eventual champion moving on to the New England Regional tournament in Keene, N.H. The regional champ will then advance to the Babe Ruth League World Series in Manchester, N.H.

This will mark the second time Pittsfield has hosted the Western State Babe Ruth event. The first time was in 1979 when Leominster went on to win the championship.

The six visiting teams are all scheduled to arrive on Thursday, with a welcoming luncheon for all teams slated for noon at the Pittsfield High cafeteria.



Ray Lamont

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONS in the 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League are the Pittsfield Nationals, who beat Dalton Saturday in the county finals and who will play Longmeadow in a first-round Western State tournament game Friday at 5 at Wahconah Park. Team members include, left to right: kneeling in front — batboy Mike Daury; first row — Tim Lee, Mark Furciniti, Jeff Daury, Jim Meaney and Pete Geranios; second row — Mike Archey, Pete Quinlan, Leo Fairbanks, Jim Collins and John Rogers; back row — manager Bud Collins, Dave MacHaffie, Brian Turnbull, Tom Pia, Jamie Paul, Coach Ed Basinski and Coach Jeff Daury Sr. The Nationals will join the host Pittsfield Americans and six other district champions in the Western State event, which will run from Friday through next Wednesday at Wahconah Park.

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Ray Lamont

HOST TEAM for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament, which begins tomorrow at Wahconah Park, are the Pittsfield Americans, who beat the Pittsfield Nationals in a special playoff game to earn that honor last month. Team members include, left to right: seated in front — batboys Steve Huska and Mike Slocik; first row — Shaun Sottile, Paul Gaylord, Rick LeVardi, Tony Arpante and Jim Schneider; second row — Troy Robinson, Jim Nichols, Chris Barbarotta, Jeff McCarthy, Dom Carnevale and Frank Ott; back row — Coach John Shutts, Manager Ed Sottile, Eric Falkowski, Jeff Blair, Tim McMahon, Mike O'Hagerty and Coach Bill Loehr. The Americans will meet the Ty Cobb League Worcester in their first-round game tomorrow night at 8.

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Americans, Nationals post opening wins

By Ray Lamont

It was a perfect night for baseball, and the Pittsfield Americans were nearly just that — perfect.

Mike O'Hagerty struck out 15 and came within four outs of pitching a perfect game while Paul Gaylord went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate last night as the Americans' Babe Ruth League all-star team rolled to a 9-0 win over the Ty Cobb League all-stars of Worcester in a first-round game in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament under the lights at Wahconah Park.

The Americans' win means that they will now face their arch-rivals, the Pittsfield Nationals, in a second-round winners' bracket game tonight at 8, again at Wahconah Park. The Nationals, the two-time defending Western State champions, opened their bid for a third straight crown last night by scoring a 10-5 win over Longmeadow.

There were two other first-round games played yesterday, with Amherst hammering out a 17-4 win over the Schwartz League of Worcester in the morning tournament opener while Athol downed Oxford 12-0 in an afternoon contest.

That sets the stage for four more games today, with Oxford meeting the Schwartz League at 11 a.m. and Ty Cobb facing Longmeadow at 2 in losers' bracket contests, while Amherst and Athol will play at 5 before the big American-National Pittsfield showdown at 8. The Americans are the host team for the tournament, having beaten the Nationals in a playoff to earn that honor in a game last month. The Nationals are the reigning Berkshire County champions.

The double-elimination tournament will continue at Wahconah Park through the finals on Wednesday, with the eventual champion earning a berth in the New England Regionals in Keene, N.H. The regional champ will then go on to the Babe Ruth League World Series in Manchester, N.H.



Lamont

Mike O'Hagerty
Americans' ace

Americans 9, Ty Cobb 0

The Americans, making their first appearance in the states since they won the Western State title in 1976, made their presence felt with an awesome opening-night performance.

How good was left-hander O'Hagerty?

Well, he struck out 13 of the first 15 batters he faced, and was working on a perfect game until Cobb's Brian White banged a clean single to center with two outs in the last of the sixth. O'Hagerty wound up with a two-hitter when Cobb's Matt Gaffney looped a single down the right-field line in the seventh. But O'Hagerty then snuck in behind Gaffney at first, and took a throw from right-fielder Troy Robinson to pick the runner off, ending the game on a high note.

Gaylord? Oh, he didn't do much — just two singles, two triples and a pair of RBI hitting out of the Americans' leadoff spot. And then there was No. 9 hitter Frank Ott, who had two triples himself and scored the first Americans' run, sparking a five-run Pittsfield third.

All the Pittsfield runs came in two innings, with the Amerks scoring five times in the third and four in the fifth.

Back-to-back triples by Ott and Gaylord triggered both innings. Chris Barbarotta added a run-scoring single in the third, while Jeff McCarthy contributed an RBI double to center and Tony Arpante added a run-scoring single in the fifth.

Nationals 10, Longmeadow 5

The Nationals literally squeezed out two runs to overcome a 5-4 deficit in the sixth and added four big insurance runs in the sixth in turning back a gutsy Longmeadow squad.

Down by one with Jeff Daury on third after a sixth-inning single, a stolen base and an error, the Nationals tied the count when Jamie Paul brought in Daury with a safety squeeze bunt. And after Paul went to third on a Longmeadow throwing error, Mark Furciniti brought him home with another safety squeeze down the third-base line, putting the Nats up 6-5.

Following a 20-minute delay because of the famed Wahconah Park center-field sunset, the Nationals then wrapped things up with four runs in the top of the seventh. A two-run single by Jim Meaney, a bases-loaded squeeze bunt by Furciniti and an RBI double by Jim Collins sparked that National uprising.

Meaney was the big gun for the Nationals, going 4-for-5 with four RBI. He had also delivered a two-run single to right, briefly putting his team ahead 4-3 in the fourth. Collins added two doubles, while Jeff Daury had a pair of singles.

Rob Siegel, Joe Franson and John Davitt — the 2-3-4 hitters in the Longmeadow order — had two hits apiece for the losers.

The Nationals' winning pitcher was Leo Fairbanks, who relieved starter John Rogers in the second and hurled four innings of three-hit ball. Rogers returned to the mound from left field after Fairbanks walked Longmeadow's Andy Cohen leading off the sixth, and he hurled two-hit ball the rest of the way to nail down the victory.

The losing pitcher was Longmeadow starter Bill Arnold, who worked 6⅔ innings.

Other games

Earlier in the day, Amherst pounded out 20 hits in its 17-4 win over the Schwartz League of Worcester, while Athol blanked Oxford 12-0 in the tournament's second contest.

In the morning, Amherst's Adam Lussier went 4-for-5 with four RBI and Gary Stromberg knocked in a pair of runs with two doubles and a single.

Stromberg put Amherst on the board when he doubled in a run in the first inning, and after the Schwartz team tied it 1-1 on Mike Ford's run-scoring hit in the last of the first, Amherst erupted for seven runs in the second inning to take an 8-1 lead. The key hits in that inning were another Stromberg double, a run-scoring triple off the bat of Tom McClosky, and a two-run double by Mike McIntosh.

Amherst also scored six runs in the sixth, sparked by a two-run single by Lussier and another two-run single by McIntosh.

Charlie Vanderzwaag was the winning pitcher, while Schwartz starter Scott Firmin was charged with the loss.

Sharp-looking southpaw Lyle Sanborn hurled a strong three-hitter as Athol advanced into second-round competition. Sanborn had just two strikeouts, but walked just two as well in breezing to the victory.

Greg Whitmore had a pair of doubles and Mike Farrell and Randy King each added a single and a double for Athol.

The District 4 champs blew the game open with four runs in the fourth, scoring on three walks, two Oxford errors and the lone hit of the inning — a single by Mike Turcer.

A Whitmore double and a two-run King single also triggered a three-run Athol fifth.

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Ray Lamont

SCORING on a base hit by Jim Meaney, Pittsfield Nationals' runner Mike Archey (2) slides safely across the plate as Longmeadow catcher John Davitt reaches for the throw during Babe Ruth League Western State tournament game last night at Wahconah Park. The Nationals beat Longmeadow 10-5, and they will meet the Pittsfield Americans in a second-round winners' bracket game tonight at 8.

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Western State Babe Ruth tourney

Nationals top Americans; meet Athol tonight

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By Ray Lamont

Jim Meaney drove in the eventual winning runs with a second-inning single and pitched his way out of trouble time after time in a 5⅔-inning relief stint Saturday night to give the Pittsfield Nationals a hard-fought 6-3 win over their city rivals, the Pittsfield Americans, in a Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star tournament game before some 800 fans at Wahconah Park.

The second-round win thrusts the Nationals into a key 8 o'clock game tonight against Athol in a battle between the tournament's only remaining undefeated teams. The Nationals, the Berkshire County champions and the two-time defending Western State champs, can earn a berth in Wednesday's finals with a win over Athol tonight.

After losing to the Nationals on Saturday, the Americans exploded for nine runs in the first inning and beat the Ty Cobb League of Worcester 13-6 in a losers' bracket game yesterday. The Americans will now meet Amherst in another losers' bracket clash tonight at 5.

The eight-team, double-elimination tournament is now down to four teams, with the remaining schedule shaping up like this. The winner of the Athol-Nationals' game tonight will advance — still unbeaten — to the finals, and will need just one win there on Wednesday to win the championship and a berth in the New England regionals in Keene, N.H. The loser of that National-Athol game will meet the winner of tonight's American-Amherst game in the losers' bracket finals tomorrow at 5. Whoever wins that game will then also gain a berth in the finals, but would have to win two games to eliminate the unbeaten team and win the championship.

Nationals 6, Americans 3

The most talked-about game of the tournament may not have been the best-played game local fans have ever seen — but it had plenty of excitement and drama for everybody as the two Pittsfield teams went head-to-head in a three-hour marathon.

The Nationals jumped on top quickly with three runs in the first inning, thanks to a booming RBI triple by Leo Fairbanks, a wild pitch that scored him from third, and a double steal that saw Jamie Paul, who had singled, race home from third as Brian Turnbull, who had walked, scampered into second.

Meaney's two-run single to right-center brought in the Nats' fourth and fifth runs in the second, and from there on the Nats simply held on for their lives, with Fairbanks singling home their final run in the sixth.

The Americans had loaded the bases on two walks and an error — though they failed to score — against National starter Tom Pia in the first. And after Pia walked the bases loaded in the second, Meaney was brought in from shortstop. He started off by walking Paul Gaylord to force in the first Americans' run, but got Tim McMahon to ground into a key double play and that set the tone for the rest of the ballgame.

Meaney was touched up for seven hits, walked three batters and hit two. But, working with the poise of a pro, he masterfully worked his way out of one jam after another. All in all, the Americans stranded 14 runners, scoring only when Jeff McCarthy delivered a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the third and when Chris Barbarotta doubled in a run in the sixth.

"I can't say enough about Jimmy Meaney," Nationals' manager Bud Collins said afterward. "He pitched a real gutsy game out there. He did a super job — really super."

The Nationals also helped out Meaney by turning two double plays, the one in the second on McMahon, and another with two Americans on and no outs in the seventh.

"We always seemed to make the big play when we needed it most," Collins added. "That was the difference."

The win not only advances the Nationals to tonight's showdown with Athol — it also gives the Nats a measure of revenge for their loss to the Americans last month in the playoff to determine which Pittsfield team would host the states. And Collins doesn't think that loss is looking too bad right now.

"In the long run, I think the fact that we had to play in the county tournament helped us," Collins commented. "We got to know our team a little better, and our kids got used to playing together as a team in big games . . . tough games . . . games they had to win. You never like to lose, but when they [the Americans] beat us, I think that was one loss that really helped us."

Nationals	ab	r	h	bi	Americans	ab	r	h	bi
Furciniti,cf	3	2	1	0	Gaylord,p-2b	3	0	0	1
Meaney,ss-p	3	0	1	2	McMahon,cf	3	1	0	0
Collins,c	3	1	1	0	Blair,1b	2	1	1	0
Frbnks,3b-ss	4	1	2	2	Brbarotta,lf	4	0	2	1
Paul,1b	3	1	1	0	Robinson,pr	0	0	0	0
Turnbull,2b	1	0	0	0	LeVardi,lf	0	0	0	0
Geranios,2b	2	0	0	0	Ott,rf	4	0	2	0
Daury,lf	3	0	0	0	Nichols,ss	2	1	0	0
Archey,rf	2	0	0	0	O'Hagerty,ph	1	0	0	0
Lee,rf	1	0	1	0	McCarthy,c	0	0	0	1
Pia,p	0	0	0	0	Schneider,pr	0	0	0	0
MacHaffie,3b	2	1	0	0	Arpante,2b-p	2	0	1	0
Quinlan,3b	1	0	0	0	Carnevale,3b	4	0	1	0
Totals	28	6	7	4	Totals	25	3	7	3

Nationals	320	001	0-6
Americans	011	001	0-3

E—Nationals, 3; Americans, 2. DP—Nationals, 2. LOB—Americans, 14; Nationals, 10. 2B—Barbarotta. 3B—Fairbanks. SB—Fairbanks, 3; Daury, 2; Furciniti, Paul, Turnbull, Ott. S—Blair. SF—McCarthy.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Pia	1⅓	3	0	1	1	4	2
Meaney (W 1-0)	5	2	3	2	3	4
Gaylord (L 0-1)	3	4	5	5	5	2
Arpante	4	3	1	1	3	3

WP—Gaylord, 3; Pia, 2; Meaney, 1; Arpante, 1. T—3 hours, 4 minutes. PB—McCarthy, 1. HBP—Arpante, Gaylord (By Meaney). Umpires—Fran Normandin, Steve Ricciarini, Lefty Miramma.

Americans 13, Ty Cobb 6

Gaylord, who went 4-for-4 against Ty Cobb in the first round on Friday night, banged out four straight singles against the Worcester team this time, too, before finally grounding out to short his final time at bat.

Gaylord's leadoff single sparked the Amerks' nine-run first, which also included RBI hits by Jeff McCarthy and Tony Arpante as well as a two-run single by Gaylord, who came up a second time in the same frame.

McCarthy's triple and Arpante's single gave the Americans another run in the second, while a two-run third-inning triple by Jeff Blair and a fourth-inning RBI single by Gaylord competed the Pittsfield scoring.

Right-hander Shaun Sottile went the distance on the mound for the Americans to get the victory. Bill Johnson and Jim Halloran had three hits each for Ty Cobb.

Other games

In other action over the busy six-game weekend, Athol earned the right to play in tonight's game with the Nationals when the District 4 champions downed Amherst 3-1 on Saturday.

Athol jumped ahead with two runs in the first, on Bernie Dennis' RBI double to the wall in left and Mike Farrell's single to center.

And after Amherst scored in the second on a run-scoring single by Adam Lussier, Athol wrapped up the triumph in the sixth when Kyle Sanborn singled, pinch-runner Randy King stole second, went to third on Dan Perrerdine's sacrifice bunt and scored on an Amherst error.

Pepperdine went the route on the mound to get the win, hurling a six-hitter while walking five and striking out three.

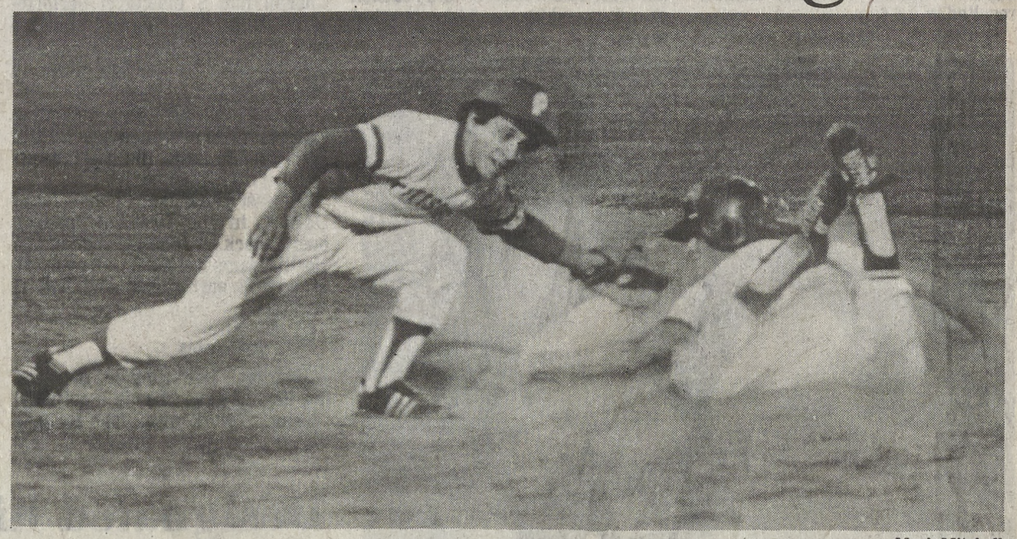
In losers' bracket play Saturday, Oxford rallied from a 4-0 deficit to score a 5-4 win over the Schwartz League of Worcester and the Ty Cobb League eliminated Longmeadow 2-1.

Steve McCarthy's two-run triple keyed a four-run fourth and his RBI hit knocked in the winning run in the seventh as Oxford KO'd the Schwartz League. Steve Faneuff was the winning pitcher, hurling a five-hitter.

Rich Tuccio's second-inning double, an RBI single by Kevin Peltier and Jim Halloran's fifth-inning RBI triple carried the Cobb League to its victory over Longmeadow. Mark Johnson scattered eight hits and pitched his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the seventh to pick up the triumph.

In a second-round losers' bracket game yesterday, Amherst's Jud Damon hurled a three-hit shutout as his team stayed alive with a 7-0 win over Oxford.

Damon also banged out two hits, while Andy Ziomek's two-run single helped wrap up the win during a five-run Amherst fourth.



Mark Mitchell

SAFE AT SECOND with a stolen base, Pittsfield Nationals' runner Leo Fairbanks slides in, beating the tag of Americans' second baseman Tony Arpante during Saturday night's Western State Babe Ruth League tournament game at Wahconah Park. The Nationals beat the Americans in the crucial city series battle, 6-3.

Western State Babe Ruth

JUL 27 1982

Nationals nip Athol 6-5 to reach finals

By Ray Lamont

Mark Furciniti's two-out bunt brought in the tying and winning runs and Jeff Daury turned in a gutsy 3⅔-inning relief effort last night as the Pittsfield Nationals moved to within one victory of an unprecedented third straight Western State Babe Ruth League all-star championship with a thrilling 6-5 win over Athol before some 500 fans at Wahconah Park.

The victory vaults the Nationals — still unbeaten in the double-elimination tournament — straight into the finals of the Western State 13-to-15-year-old competition. The finals are set for tomorrow, at 5, again at Wahconah Park.

The loss, Athol's first in the tournament, means that they will play Amherst today at 5 in the losers' bracket finals. Amherst stayed alive last night by beating the host Pittsfield Americans 9-4 in a third-round losers' bracket contest. That loss eliminated the Americans from the tournament.

The winner of today's Athol-Amherst clash will then advance to the finals, but they would then have to beat the Nationals twice tomorrow to eliminate Pittsfield and win the championship while the Nationals need just one win tomorrow to capture the title. If a second game is necessary in the finals, it would be played tomorrow at 8. All tournament games are being played at Wahconah Park.

The winner of this tournament will gain a berth in the New England Regional tournament starting August 7 at Keene, N.H., with the regional titlist then going on to the Babe Ruth League World Series Augist 21-28 in Manchester, N.H.

Nationals 6, Athol 5

This battle of the last two unbeaten teams turned out to be probably the best game of the whole tournament — so far.

Sparked by Daury's RBI hit and a two-run single by Brian Turnbull, the Nats opened the scoring with a four-run second.

But Athol suddenly came to life, scoring all five of its runs in the fourth on a bases-loaded walk to Kyle Sanborn, a two-run single by pitcher Randy King and a two-run double of the bat of pinch-hitter Mike Turcer.

The Nationals, however, came right back in the last of the fourth to score two runs and win the game.

With one out, Turnbull got the Nats' fourth started when he singled to right, and after he stole second, Mike Archey followed with a two-out single to left. Archey then stole second, leaving runners on second and third with two outs.

Despite the two outs, Furciniti, the Nationals' leadoff batter, laid a bunt down the third-base side. Turnbull scored and Furciniti beat out the bunt for a base hit, and Archey came all the way around to score the eventual winning run when the throw to first got loose in right field.

Meanwhile, Daury had relieved John Rogers on the Nationals' mound in the midst of the Athol fourth. And, helped by a couple of odd-ball double plays, Daury hurled one-hit ball and kept Athol off the board the rest of the way.

"He worked like a surgeon out there," Nationals' manager Bud Collins said of Daury's effort. "He really did the job."

Daury's victory also means that the Nationals now have had five winning pitchers in six games. "We've got six or seven pitchers on this team," Collins said. "We're not afraid to go with any one of them. We know they all go out there and do it."

The Nationals' also took Athol out of two key innings, completing a double play to end the fourth when a relay from third baseman Leo Fairnbanks to catcher Jim Collins and a return throw to Fairbanks got Athol runners at home and third — and in the fifth, when Fairbanks picked an Athol runner who had overrun the bag off second, made the tag on him at third and fired back to second to get another Athol man there.

"It looked like they were tying to force us into mistakes," Collins said. "And a lot of times, in Babe Ruth ball, those are good plays. But our kids make the plays, too. And they made the plays tonight. We didn't let down. We didn't make the key mistake."

That's why the Nats are where they are today.

Nationals	ab	r	h	bi	Athol	ab	r	h	bi
Furciniti cf	3	0	1	1	Armntrout ss	4	0	0	0
Meaney ss	3	0	0	0	Dennis lf	1	1	0	0
Collins c	3	0	1	0	Farrell rf	2	1	0	0
Fairbanks 3b	2	1	1	0	Whitmore 3b	3	1	1	0
Rogers p-1b	2	1	0	0	Sanborn cf	2	0	0	1
Daury lf-p	3	1	1	1	King p	2	1	1	2
Turnbull 2b	3	2	2	2	Geikie 1b	2	1	0	0
Paul 1b-lf	2	0	0	0	Rhodes c	2	0	1	0
Quinlan lf	1	0	0	0	Pepprdine ph	0	0	0	0
Archey rf	3	1	1	0	Miller 2b	1	0	0	0
					Tucer ph	1	0	1	2
					Jones ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	6	7	4	Totals	21	5	4	5

Athol	000	500	0—5
Nationals	040	200	x—6

E — Nationals 3, Athol 1; DP — Nationals 2; LOB — Nationals 3, Athol 2; 2B — Turcer; 3B — Fairbanks; SB — Turnbull 2, Fairbanks 2, Archey, Daury, Dennis, King, Geikie

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Rogers	3⅓	2	5	4	3	3
Daury (W)	3⅔	2	0	0	2	2
King (L)	6	7	6	5	2	1

WP — King; BALK — King; T — 1 hr, 50 minutes; HBP — Farrell (By Rogers); Umpires — Buddy Biron, Lefty Miramma, Fran Normandin

Amherst 9, Americans 4

Amherst jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the second inning. And though the Americans pounded out a total of 11 hits, they never could quite get back in the ballgame.

Americans' mound starter Frank Ott got the first two batters he faced, but then walked the next two, and a run-scoring Americans' error opened the floodgates. Amherst followed with an RBI hit by Paul White, a run-scoring single off the bat of Alan Currin, and a big two-run double to right-center by catcher Chris Kamansky.

Gary Stromberg's two-run double made it 7-0 in the second, and after Dom Carnevale delivered an RBI double for Pittsfield in the last of the second, Amherst went up by an 8-1 count on an RBI hit by Dave Ralph in the fourth.

The Americans rallied in the fourth, scoring on a Jeff McCarthy double and a Carnevale single. And the Amerks pulled to within 8-4 when Jim Nichols drove in one run with a sacrifice fly and when Tim McMahon, who had singled, scored on a wild pitch in the fifth.

But Amherst added a final run in the seventh on a Mike McIntosh RBI single.

And though the Americans loaded the bases on three walks in the last of the seventh, Amherst center fielder Andy Ziomek chased down Ott's long fly ball to end the game.

Amherst left-hander Adam Lussier went the distance on the mound for the winners, while Ott was charged with the loss. He had been relieved in the second by Nichols, who allowed just two runs — one earned — over the final 5⅔ innings. Five of the seven runs off Ott were also unearned.

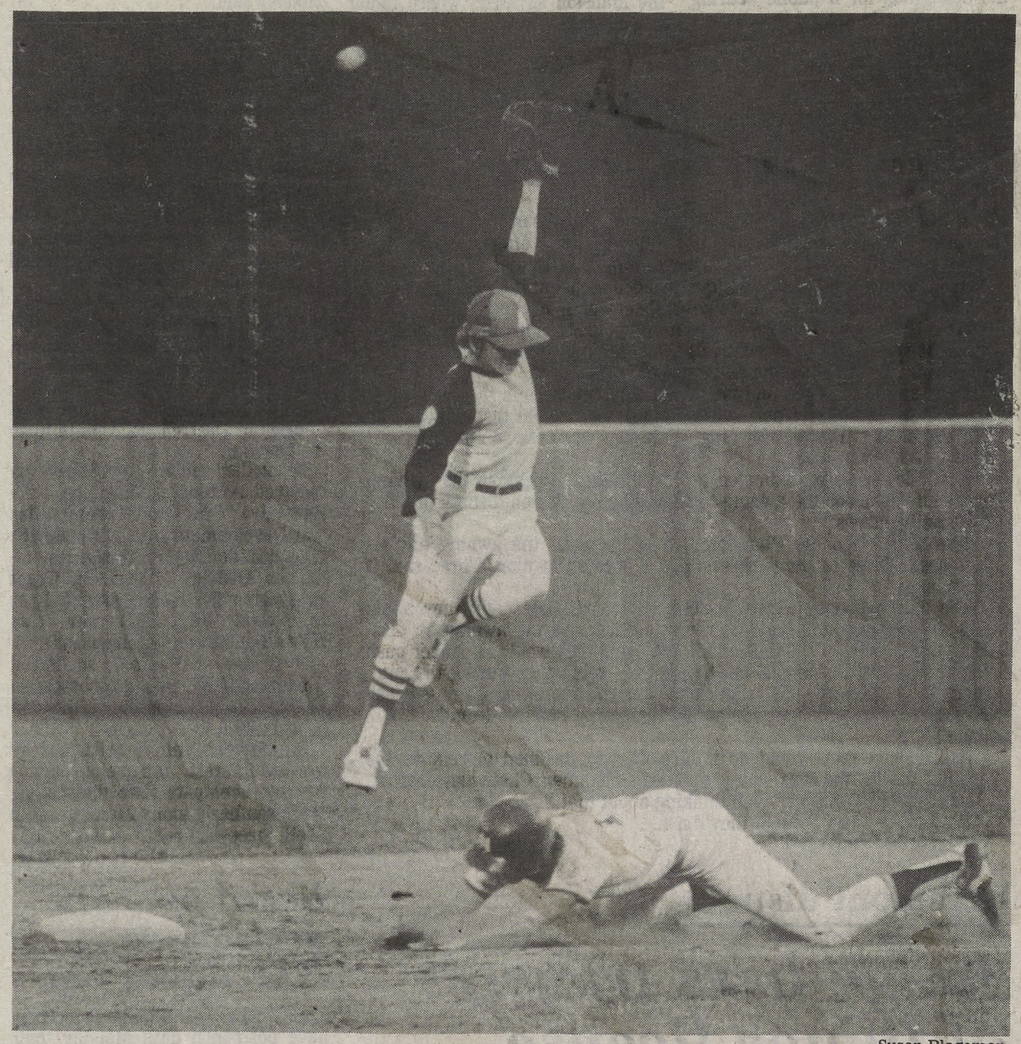
Amherst	ab	r	h	bi	Americans	ab	r	h	bi
Lussier p	5	0	2	0	Gaylord 3b	4	0	1	0
McIntosh 2b	5	1	1	1	O'Hagerty rf	2	0	1	0
Stromberg ss	4	1	2	2	Robinson rf	1	0	0	0
Damon lf-3b	2	2	0	0	Blair 1b	3	0	1	0
Vndrswaag rf	3	1	0	0	Falkowski 1b	1	0	0	0
White 3b	2	0	1	1	Barbrotta lf	3	1	2	0
Kstorosky pr	0	1	0	0	LeVardi lf	0	0	0	0
Ralph pr-lf	1	0	1	1	McMahon cf	4	1	2	0
McClosky lf	1	0	1	0	Nichols ss-p	2	0	0	1
Currin 1b	4	1	1	1	McCarthy c	4	1	2	0
Kamansky c	4	0	1	2	Schneider pr	0	1	0	0
Ziomek cf	3	2	2	0	Arpante 2b	3	0	0	0
					Ott p	1	0	0	0
					Carnevale ss	3	0	2	2
Totals	34	9	12	8	Totals	31	4	11	3

Amherst	520	100	1—9
Americans	010	120	0—4

E — Amherst 3, Americans 3; DP — Amherst 1; LOB — Amherst 9, Americans 11; 2B — Carnevale, McCarthy, Kamansky; SB — McIntosh, Gaylord, McCarthy; SF — Nichols

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Lussier (W)	7	11	4	3	4	1
Ott (L)	1⅓	5	7	2	3	0
Nichols	5⅔	7	2	1	1	1

WP — Ott 2, Lussier; T — 2 hrs, 10 minutes; Umpires — Steve Ricciarini, Jerry Schmidt, Dick DiOrio



Susan Plageman

TAKING THE LOW ROAD into second base, Pittsfield Nationals' runner Leo Fairbanks slides in with a stolen base as Athol's Mike Miller goes high for the throw. The Nationals edged Athol 6-5 to earn a spot in tomorrow's Western State Babe Ruth League finals at Wahconah Park.

Western State Babe Ruth tourney

Nationals, Athol play for title here tonight

JUL 28 1982

By Ray Lamont

The Pittsfield Nationals will be shooting for their third straight Western State championship tonight when they take on the Athol all-stars in the finals of the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament at Wahconah Park.

Game time is set for tonight at 5, with a second game, if necessary, slated for 8.

The Nationals are hoping for a quick night. They come into the finals unbeaten in the double-elimination tournament, while Athol has one loss — to the Nationals — and must beat Pittsfield twice under the double-elimination format to win the championship. The Nats need to win just one game to eliminate Athol and capture the crown.

If the Nationals win the championship tonight, they would become the first team ever to win three consecutive Western State crowns. Pittsfield teams, however, have won four of the last six championships, with the Pittsfield Americans winning in 1976 before the Nationals took titles in 1977, 1980 and 1981.

A victory for the Nationals tonight would also put the team in the Babe Ruth League New England Regionals. That tournament is slated to run August 7-13 in Keene, N.H., with the regional champ earning a berth in th Babe Ruth League World Series August 21-28 in Manchester, N.H.

The Nationals, the reigning Berkshire County champions, earned their berth in tonight's finals with a 10-5 first-round win over Longmeadow, a 6-3 triumph over the host Pittsfield Americans, and a thrilling 6-5 third-round win over Athol on Monday night.

Athol, on the other hand, beat Oxford 12-0 in the first round, nipped Amherst 3-1, and then lost to the Nationals before coming back with a 5-3 win over Amherst in the losers' bracket finals at Wahconah Park last night.

Athol has never won a Western State crown.

Probable pitcher

Nationals' manager Bud Collins said he plans to start right-hander Tom Pia in tonight's game. Pia beat Dalton in the county finals, then started but did not figure in the decision in the second-round state game against the Americans.

"He threw in practice [yesterday] and he looked good," Collins said. "I still think that, when he's on, he's the best around."

Collins would not speculate on the possibility of a second-game pitcher if necessary, but did say Jim Meaney and Leo Fairbanks would be ready to relieve Pia if needed or to pitch in the nightcap.

"The first game is what we're worrying about right now," Collins cracked. "If we win that one, there's no need to worry about the second one."

Collins also said his team is in good spirits going into tonight's finals.

"I was a little afraid the kids might be a little overconfident, but they're not at all," he commented. "They're ready to play. They want to win."

Athol 5, Amherst 3

Rebounding from the loss to the Nationals the night before, Athol knocked off Amherst for the second time to gain their berth in tonight's title game.

Kyle Sanborn was the hero for the District 4 champions, hurling a seven-hitter and driving in two runs with a couple of key hits.

Sanborn's single gave Athol a 1-0 lead in the first inning, and a run-scoring single by Randy King highlighted a two-run fourth to make it 3-0.

Amherst tied the count with a three-run fourth, capped by a two-run single by Adam Lussier.

But Sanborn singled in another run as Athol took the lead for keeps with a two-run fifth.

King and Mike Farrell also contributed two hits each for Athol, while No. 9 hitter Andy Ziomek had three hits for Amherst.

Nats' Babe Ruth title tilt reslated for tonight at 5

Delayed by rain for a day, the Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team will shoot for its third straight Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League championship today at 5 against the Athol all-stars at Wahconah Park.

The teams were originally scheduled to meet last night, but the finals were washed out by the day-long rains. The rainout marked the first postponement in the eight-team double-elimination Western State tournament that began here last Friday.

The Nationals are undefeated going into tonight's finals, and thus need to win just one game to eliminate once-beaten Athol and win the championship. Athol, on the other hand, which lost 6-5 to the Nationals in a game Monday night, must beat the Pittsfield team twice tonight to eliminate the Nationals and capture the Western State title.

If Athol does win the first game, the second and deciding game would be played beginning around 8 o'clock.

The Nationals, who won the Berkshire County championship by beating Dalton in the county finals earlier this month, have earned their berth in the Western State finals by beating Longmeadow, the host Pittsfield Americans and Athol. The Nationals are 6-1 overall, having also gone 3-0 in the county playoffs after losing a special playoff with the Americans for the host team berth in the states.

Athol, the District 4 champions, beat Oxford and Amherst in early-round state play, and then, after bowing to the Nationals, battled its way back into the finals by beating Amherst 5-3 in the losers' bracket finals on Tuesday.

If the Nationals win the title tonight, they would become the first team to ever win three successive Western State crowns. Athol is shooting for its first-ever Western State tournament championship.

The winner of tonight's clash will advance to the New England regionals, which are slated to begin August 7 in Keene, N.H. The regional titlist will then go on to the Babe Ruth League World Series.

While the Nationals have earned bids to the regionals the past two years, and Pittsfield teams have captured four of the last six Western State championships, no Berkshire County Babe Ruth team has ever made it to the World Series.

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CO-WINNERS of the Western State Babe Ruth League tournament's Most Valuable Player award were Jim Meaney, left, and Leo Fairbanks, both of the champion Pittsfield Nationals. At center is tournament committee member Fran Tierney, also of Pittsfield, who presented the MVP trophies.



Ray Lamont

On the run

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Mark Furciniti, center, of the Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team heads for third base as Athol's Mike Miller gives chase during a rundown in yesterday's Western State 13-to-15-year-old championship game at Wahconah Park. Furciniti made it safely to third, and the Nationals went on to win 4-3 for their third straight Western State title. Story, Page 27.

Western State Babe Ruth tourney

JUL 30 1982

Nationals win title, advance to regionals

By Ray Lamont

The Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team became the first team to ever win three consecutive Western State Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old championships last night when they scored a 4-3 win over Athol in the finals before some 400 at Wahconah Park.

The victory means that the Nationals will now make their third straight appearance in the New England Regionals championships, which begin Saturday, August 7, in Keene, N.H. The Nationals will face the yet-to-be-named New Hampshire state champion in a first-round game that day at 1 p.m. The regionals, like the states, are an eight-team double-elimination tournament, scheduled to run in Keene from August 7 through the 13th. The regional champion will then earn a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series beginning August 21 in Manchester, N.H.

The Nationals' victory last night meant that the Pittsfield team swept unbeaten through the Western State tournament with four straight victories. The result also marked the second time in the tournament that the Nationals beat Athol by one run. The Nats also defeated Athol 6-5 in a third-round winners' bracket game Monday night.

MVP winners

Two Nationals' players were honored as co-winners of the Western State tournament's Most Valuable Player award. The MVP winners were Jim Meaney, who had a win and a save in two pitching appearances and knocked in six runs over the first three games, and Leo Fairbanks, the big third baseman who banged out two triples, picked up one pitching win, and played errorless ball the entire tournament. This year also marks the first time there have been co-winners of the Most Valuable Player trophies.

Last night's game began as a pitchers' duel, with Nationals' right-hander Tom Pia and Athol's Dan Pepperdine dominating the first five innings.

Big inning

But the Nationals took advantage of two big breaks in the sixth, and parlayed them into a four-run rally that, as it turned out, won the game.

In the sixth, the Nationals had two outs and nobody on when Jim Collins drew what seemed to be — at the time — a meaningless walk.

But Fairbanks then lifted a high pop fly just beyond the mound, where pitcher Pepperdine, shortstop Dick Armentrout and second baseman Mike Miller all converged. As the three Athol players came together, all three of them suddenly backed off, thinking one of the others would make the catch. And by the time the ball dropped, Collins was standing on third and Fairbanks was holding first.

Then came break No. 2. When National hitter John Rogers topped a ball down the third-base line, Athol's Greg Whitmore made the pick-up cleanly, but looked Collins back to third before throwing to first. He then had to hurry his throw, and threw the ball away, allowing two runs to score as Rogers chugged all the way to third.

Then came a couple of more legitimate tallies. Jeff Daury singled sharply to center, scoring pinch-runner Pete Quinlan. And after Brian Turnbull reached on an error, Mike Archey single up the middle to knock in Daury. That, as it turned out, was the winning run.

Athol came back in the last of the sixth, scoring one run on a Pittsfield error and two more on Glenn Geikie's solid, two-run single to right. At that point, it still looked as though Athol might pull out the victory — and force a second, deciding game.

But then Nationals' manager Bud Collins — as he did in last Saturday night's big win over the Pittsfield Americans — brought in Meaney, who started at shortstop, to the mound. And Meaney responded, striking out Armemtrout to avert any further damage.

"We were going to save him for the second game in case we needed him," said Collins of Meaney. "But then we said, 'Oh, the hell with it.' We didn't want to go to a second game. We wanted to win it right here."

Meaney walked two men in the seventh. But with two on and two outs, the crafty curve-baller then struck out Athol's cleanup-hitting Whitmore, ending the game.

Seven straight

Amid the post-game celebrating, Collins talked about his team that has now — including both Berkshire County and Western State competition — won seven games in a row. The Nats' only loss was in a special playoff game with the Pittsfield Americans to determine which of the two local clubs would be the Western State host team.

"I really think this is a helluva team," said Collins, who served as a coach with the Nationals' championship teams the past two years as well. "I think we have more pitching than we had last year, and if that pitching holds up to its potential, I think we can do well. I think we can go a long way."

Collins also pointed out that his team is one without a superstar — in seven games the Nats have had five different winning pitchers and six different players have driven in winning runs.

"There's not one guy that we look to all the time," Collins said. "We've got a lot of guys that can do it — a lot of balance. That's one of the best things about this team."

So now the 1982 Nationals have a week to rest up before they head for New Hampshire. And while Pittsfield teams have now captured five of the past seven Western State crowns, the Nationals will once again be shooting to do something no other local team has ever done — make the Babe Ruth League World Series.

"Like I said," Collins emphasized. "If we play up to our potential, I think we can really do well. We've got good balance . . . good pitching, and just an all-around good team."

One that just might be good enough to make it to Manchester.

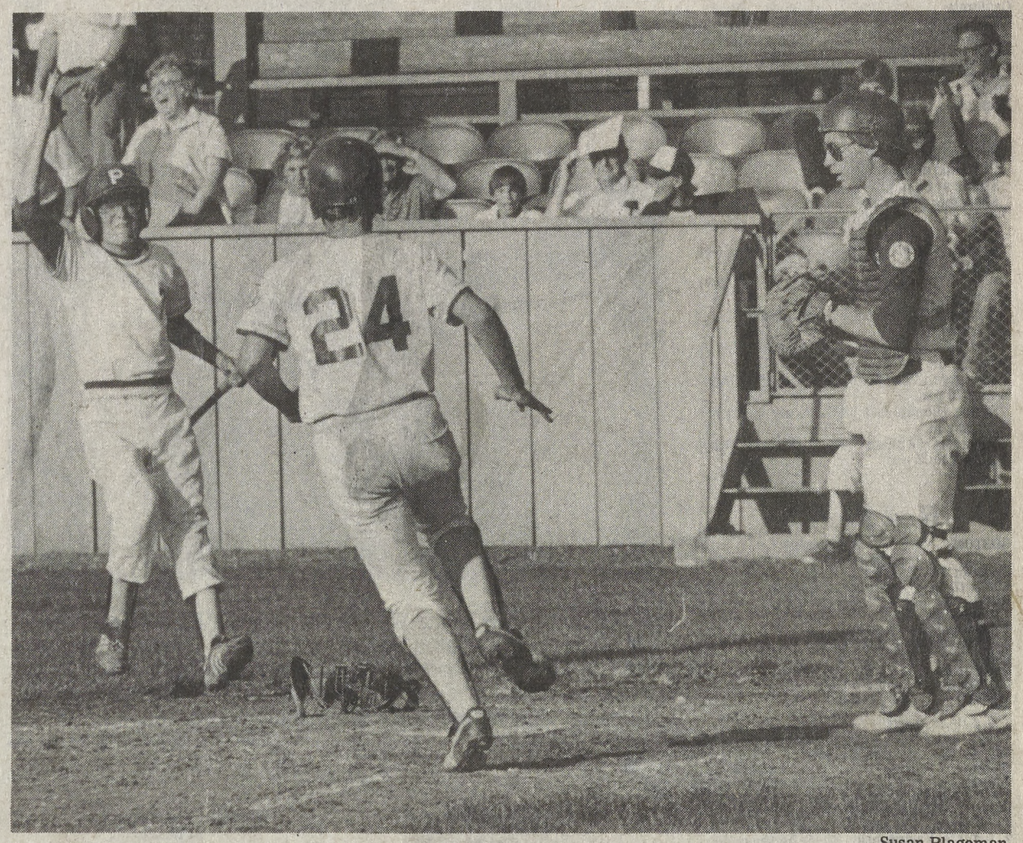
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Archey rf	3	0	0	1	Armntrout ss	2	0	0	0
Pia p	1	0	0	0	Miller 2b	1	0	0	0
Paul ph	0	0	0	0	Turcer ph	1	0	0	0
MacHaffie lf	0	0	0	0	Jones ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	4	2	Totals	26	3	5	2

Nationals	000	004	0—4
Athol	000	003	0—3

E — Athol 4, Nationals 2; DP — Athol 1; LOB — Athol 7, Nationals 6; SB — Furciniti

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Pia (W)	5⅔	5	3	0	2	2
Meaney	1⅓	0	0	0	2	1
Pepperdine (L)	7	4	4	0	5	5

WP — Pepperdine; T — 1 hr, 54 minutes; PB — Collins; HBP — Pepperdine (By Pia); Umpires — Biron, Schmidt, Ricciarini, Pierson



Susan Plageman

FIRST RUN for the Pittsfield Nationals in yesterday's Western State championship win over Athol came when Jim Collins (24) scored on a sixth-inning error. Greeting Collins is on-deck batter Jeff Daury. Athol catcher Randy King looks on dejectedly at right.

Nationals to face Nashua in regional Ruth opener

The Nashua, N.H., All-Stars, the New Hampshire state champions, will be the first opponent for the Pittsfield Nationals in the New England Regional 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament beginning Saturday in Keene, N.H.

The Nationals, winners of both the Berkshire County and Western State Babe Ruth league titles now for three years in a row, will face Nashua Saturday at 1 in a first-round game in Keene. The eight-team double-elimination tournament will run from Saturday through Friday, Aug. 13.

Other teams in the tournament include Eastern State Mass. champ South Weymouth, Torrington, Conn., Keene — the host team — Burlington, Vt., South, Portland, Maine, and Cumberland-Lincoln, R.I.

There are three repeat entries in this year's tournament back from last year's field that played at Sanford, Maine. Both the Nationals and Burlington are making their third straight appearance in the regionals, while Portland is the defending New England champion. Last year, Portland defeated Pittsfield in the opening round and went on the win the regional crown.

If the Nationals win their Saturday opener, they would play again in a second-round game Sunday at 5:30. If the Pittsfield team loses its game with Nashua, however, the Nationals' next game would be a losers' bracket game at 5:30 on Monday. All tournament games will be played in Keene.

The Nationals earned their berth in the regionals by posting four straight wins in the Western State tournament last week at Wahconah Park. The Nats beat Athol 4-3 in the Western State finals.

The winner of the New England regional tourney will earn a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series. That event is slated to run August 21-28 at Manchester, N.H.

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Nationals head for New Englands; meet Nashua in opener tomorrow

AUG 6 1982

By Ray Lamont

Fresh from winning their third straight Berkshire County and Western State championships, the Pittsfield Nationals head today for Keene, N.H., where tomorrow they will begin their bid for one title that has always eluded them — the New England Regional 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star championship.

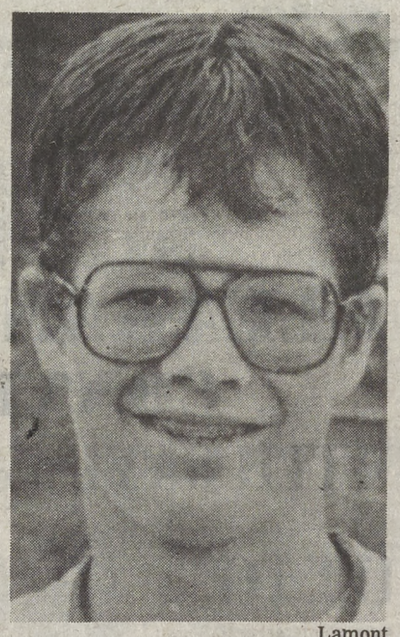
The Nationals open play tomorrow at 1 against the Nashua, N.H., all-stars in the New England regional tournament, slated to run through next Friday in Keene.

The winner of this eight-team, double-elimination tournament will then earn a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series, starting Aug. 21 in Manchester, N.H. Although Pittsfield teams have won the states and played in five of the last seven regional tournaments, no Berkshire County squad has ever made it to the World Series.

The Nats are leaving this morning and will arrive in Keene in time for a welcoming luncheon today at noon. After a parade today and a dinner there tonight, it will be time to get down to business tomorrow.

There are four games on the opening-day schedule. Torrington, Conn., will face Burlington (Vt.) South at 11, followed by the Pittsfield-Nashua game at 1. Then, at 5:30, defending New England champion Portland, Maine, meets Cumberland-Lincoln, R.I. Finally, after official opening ceremonies on the field at 7:30, host Keene meets Eastern State Mass. champ South Weymouth at 8.

If the Nationals win tomorrow, they will play the winner of the Torrington-Burlington game in the second round Sunday at 5:30. If the Nats lose to Nashua, they will face the Torrington-Burlington loser in losers' bracket play Monday at 5:30. The most important game for the Pittsfield team, however, may well be the opener. A team that loses in the first round of this tournament would have to win six straight games to capture the championship.



Lamont

Tom Pia
Starting pitcher

The Nationals are currently on a roll. Since losing to the Pittsfield Americans in a June playoff game to determine which of the local teams would host the Western State tournament at Wahconah Park, the Nats have won seven straight, sweeping unbeaten through both the county and Western State tourneys.

Most recently, the Nats edged Athol 4-3 in the Western State finals eight days ago at Wahconah Park.

Nats manager Bud Collins said his team is ready to play in the regionals. "The kids are loose — very loose," Collins said during a practice session yesterday. "I think they're confident."

Collins, who had been an assistant coach with the last two Nationals teams that made it to the regionals, also hints that confidence may be well founded.

"I think pitching is the key, but we've had pretty good pitching depth," he commented. "And I think, if our pitching comes through, we can win this thing."

Starting lineup

Collins said he expects to go with Tom Pia on the mound in tomorrow's opener. Pia is 2-0, having beaten Dalton in the county finals and Athol in the Western State title game. After that, John Rogers shapes up as the probable starter in a second game, with Leo Fairbanks available as either a spot starter or reliever. Jim Meaney and Jeff Daury have also excelled in relief. The Nationals, in fact, have had five different winning pitchers in their seven victories to date.

Jim Collins, a good hitter and solid receiver, will be the starting catcher, with either Rogers or Daury at first base and Brian Turnbull at second. The left side of the infield will usually be anchored by Meaney at shortstop and Fairbanks at third. Those two shared the Western State tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

If Daury does not play first, he will start in left field, with Mark Furciniti in center and Mike Archey in right. If Daury starts at first base, either Patsy Arace or Pete Quinlan will get the nod in left. Other reserves include outfielder Tim Lee, first baseman-outfielder Jamie Paul and infielders Pete Geranios and Dave MacHaffie.

SIDELIGHTS: Instead of inheriting the Parks Department's "Pittsfield" all-star uniforms from the Americans, who wore them as the host team in the states, the Nationals are going to stick with their Taconic High uniforms in the regionals. Collins said the team looks upon the THS suits as a sort of good-luck charm now, and besides, all the other uniforms aren't yet back from the Americans' players . . . . Pittsfield's best finish in the regionals has been third, and two teams have done it. The Americans placed third in 1976 and the Nats finished third in New England in 1980. Ironically, the regional tournament in both those years was played in Leominster . . . Second baseman Turnbull will be making his second regional appearance — sort of. He was the bat boy for the 1980 Nationals team that played in the Leominster event . . . . The two Massachusetts teams cannot meet until at least the third round under this year's scheduling. Last year, Eastern State champ Lynn eliminated Pittsfield in a first-round losers' bracket game at Sanford, Maine.

Babe Ruth regionals

Nationals lose opener, play again tonight

By Ray Lamont

KEENE, N.H. — The Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team may yet win the New England 13-to-15-year-old regional championship.

But it isn't going to be easy.

The Nationals, the Berkshire County and Western State champions for the third year in a row, got off to a rocky start in the regionals here Saturday, losing their first-round game to Nashua, N.H., by a 9-3 score. And that loss plunked the Pittsfield team quickly into the losers' bracket of the eight-team double-elimination tournament, where the Nats must now win six games in a row to capture the New England title.

Pittsfield's first step along that long comeback trail will come tonight at 5:30, when the Nationals take on the Vermont state champions, the Burlington South all-stars, in a first-round losers' bracket clash. Burlington also landed in the losers' bracket after suffering a 1-0 loss to Torrington, Conn., in the tournament opener Saturday morning.

If the Nationals win tonight, they will play in another losers' bracket contest tomorrow, again at 5:30. If they lose tonight — well, it's time to head for home.

The regionals are scheduled to run through the finals on Friday, with the eventual New England champion then earning a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series beginning August 21 at Manchester, N.H.

Edge in hits

Despite the final score, the Nationals outhit the New Hampshire state champs 7-6 here on Saturday. And perhaps the most painful part of this loss was that it came to a team the Nationals, in better times, clearly could have beaten. Nashua took advantage of a total of nine walks and a couple of key Pittsfield errors to advance in the winners' bracket.

"I don't mean to knock them [Nashua]," Nationals' manager Bud Collins said afterward. "But I don't think they're that good. They're certainly not any better than we are. Everything we hit seemed to go right at them, and everything they hit seemed to squib, or take a bad hop someplace. We just had one of those games. I only wish we could have gotten it out of our system sooner."

The Nationals also had their chances at the plate. Three times, the Nationals loaded the bases with only one out. And all three of those opportunities amounted to a grand total of one run.

The first of those chances came in the top of the first, when Jim Meaney looped a single to left, and went to third as Jim Collins reached on a two-base Nashua error. Leo Fairbanks was then issued a rare — for that early in the game, at least — intentional walk. But Nashua pitcher Matt Doucet bore down to get out of the jam without a run crossing the plate.

Then, it was Nashua's turn. And after loading the bases in the last of the first on a single and two walks, the New Hampshire club got on the board when Jerry Tardif waited out Nationals' starter Tom Pia for a run-scoring walk.

Fairbanks homers

Pittsfield's fate took a decided turn for the better in the top of the third, when the Nationals took a 2-1 lead on a booming two-run homer off the bat of Fairbanks, who along with Meaney, had been named co-winner of the Western State tournament's Most Valuable Player award nine days before at Wahconah Park. Mark Furciniti led off the Nationals' third with a walk, and cruised home moments later when Fairbanks drove a Doucet pitch over the center-field fence, just to the right of the 352-foot sign.

But Nashua went ahead again in the last of the third, thanks to a run-scoring bunt base hit by Doucet and a Nationals' error.

And the New Hampshire champs pulled away with a five-run fourth, scoring on a two-run single by Doucet and a big three-run double to left off the bat of Gary Britko.

The other Pittsfield run came in the seventh, when Dave MacHaffie walked and later scored on a bases-loaded wild pitch.

Doucet went the distance on the mound to get the win, while Pia, the first of three Pittsfield hurlers, was tagged with the loss. He was relieved by Meaney and later by catcher Jim Collins, both of whom came on in the fourth. Collins went the rest of the way, tossing two-hit ball in a good effort over the final three innings. He and Meaney also led the Nats' attack with two hits apiece.

The long road back

The Nationals now face the disconcerting task of having to win six games — in five days — to earn their first-ever berth in the World Series.

"They're good kids," manager Collins said after Saturday's loss. "They've battled back before, and its going to be tough, but I think they can do it again."

But the Nationals' skipper also emphasized that his team's long journey back will begin with a single step — in tonight's game with Burlington. "That's the game we have to go for, now," Collins said. "We'll find out a lot about our character Monday night."

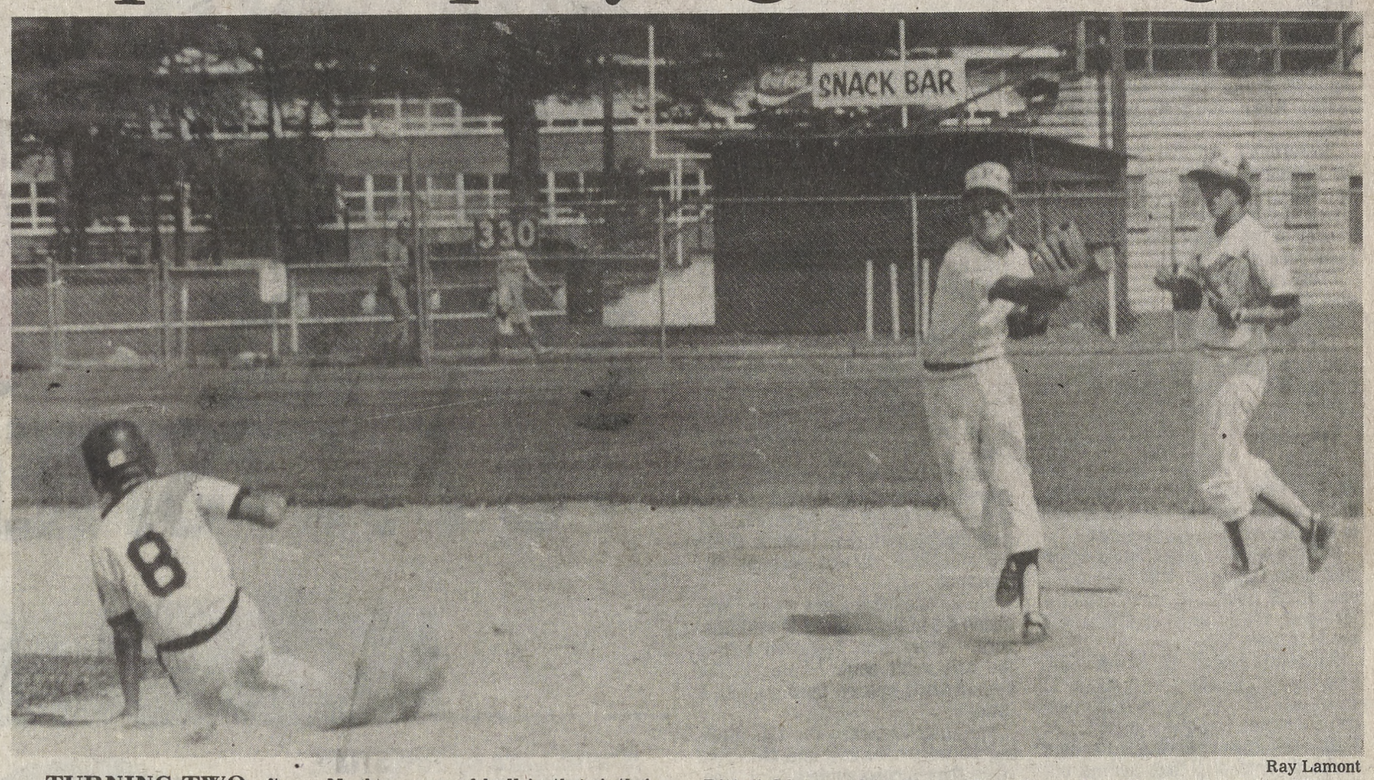
Nashua, N.H.	ab	r	h	bi	Nationals	ab	r	h	bi
Weaver cf	4	1	2	0	Furciniti cf	3	1	0	0
Piowarski ss	2	3	1	0	Meaney ss-p	4	0	2	0
Dymazlar c	2	1	0	1	Collins c-p	4	0	2	0
Doucet p	3	2	2	3	Frbanks 3b-c	3	1	1	2
Boilrd 2b-3b	0	0	0	0	Rogers 1b	3	0	1	0
Anderson ph	1	0	0	0	Quinlan lf	1	0	0	0
Tardif 3b	2	0	1	1	Daury lf-1b	2	0	0	0
Thibault 2b	0	0	0	0	Turnbull 2b	3	0	0	0
Delage 1b	2	1	0	0	Geranios 2b	3	0	0	0
Lindsey 1b	1	0	0	0	Archey rf	1	0	0	0
Britko lf	3	0	1	3	Paul ph	1	0	0	0
Ryan rf	2	0	0	0	Pia p	1	0	0	0
Hoffman ph	1	0	0	0	MacHaffie 3b	1	1	1	0
Friere rf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	23	9	6	8	Totals	27	3	7	2

Nationals	002	000	1—3
Nashua	102	510	x—9

E — Nationals 2, Nashua 1; DP — Nationals 1, Nashua 1; LOB — Nationals 8, Nashua 7; 2B — Britko; HR — Fairbanks; SB — Piowowarski 2, Weaver; S — Boilard, Duymazlar

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Doucet (W)	7	7	2	2	4	5
Pia (L)	3	3	5	3	6	2
Meaney	0	1	2	0	1	0
Collins	3	2	2	0	2	1

WP — Meaney, Doucet; T — 2 hours



Ray Lamont

TURNING TWO after a Nashua ground ball in the sixth inning, Pittsfield Nationals' shortstop Jim Meaney fires to first to complete a double play well before Nashua's Jim Thibault (8) reaches the second-base bag. Backing up the play at right is Pittsfield second baseman Pete Geranios. Nashua beat the Nationals 9-3 Saturday in the first round of the Babe Ruth League New England regionals at Keene, N.H.

Babe Ruth regionals

Rogers and Fairbanks lift Nationals, 9-1

By Ray Lamont

KEENE, N.H. — John Rogers pitched a strong five-hitter and Leo Fairbanks belted his second two-run homer in as many games last night as the Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team stayed very much alive in the New England 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League regionals with a 9-1 win over Burlington, Vt., South.

The victory, coming two days after the Nationals had lost their first-round game here to Nashua, N.H., means that the Nats play again tonight at 5:30 against the Eastern Mass. champion, South Weymouth. South Weymouth beat host Keene in its first-round game on Saturday, but lost its second-round game to Cumberland-Lincoln, R.I., on Sunday.

The winner of tonight's game will advance to a third-round losers' bracket game tomorrow, again at 5:30. The double-elimination tournament continues through the New England finals on Friday. The eventual New England champion will advance to the Babe Ruth League World Series beginning August 21 in Manchester, N.H.

Coach seeing the light

Going into last night's game, the Nationals were faced with the unenviable task of having to win six straight games to capture the New England crown. They still need five wins, but manager Bud Collins hinted he may already be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"This was the one we needed," Collins said afterward. "It's always important to get that first one. Now I think the kids will get back in the groove again. We still have to take them one at a time, and now we have to get ready for Weymouth, but this thing's nowhere near over yet, and I think the kids realize that."

Last night's complete-game mound effort by Rogers was a crucial one for the Nationals, since the team had used three pitchers in its opening-round game with Nashua.

"That's what we were looking for — we needed him to go all the way," Collins said of Rogers. "He pitched a great game — just great."

Rogers walked five — though four of those free passes were to Burlington's picky No. 3 hitter, Brian Pornelos — and struck out seven last night. Burlington's only run off him came on an RBI hit by Mike Gaboriault in the bottom of the first.

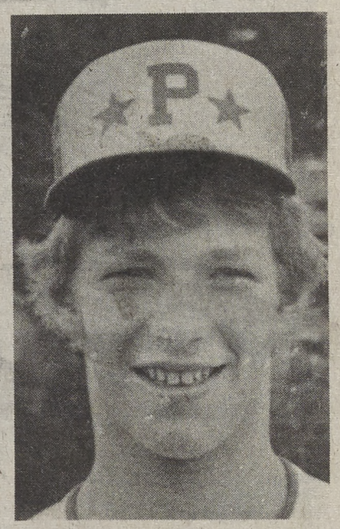
By that time, Pittsfield had already taken the lead.

Fairbanks strikes again

Jim Meaney, who went 3-for-3 on the night, led off the game with a single to left-center and stole second. Fairbanks then connected for a booming two-run homer over the fence in left to put the Nats ahead 2-0. Fairbanks had homered over the center field wall in Saturday's loss to Nashua.

"Leo's hitting the ball better now than he has all season," Collins said. "He's right on everything. You should have seen him during batting practice.

He was ripping everything. He's peaking right now, and this is a pretty good time to do it."





Photos by Ray Lamont

KEY PLAYERS in the Pittsfield Nationals' 9-1 win over Burlington, Vt., last night in the Babe Ruth New England regional tournament at Keene, N.H., were John Rogers, left, and Leo Fairbanks. Rogers pitched a route-going five hitter. Fairbanks had a two-run homer and a double and stole a base.

After Burlington climbed back to within 2-1 in the bottom of the first, the Nationals started to pull away in the third, scoring on a bases-loaded fielder's choice ground ball off the bat of Pete Quinlan and a two-run error on a grounder by Fairbanks.

A solid two-run single by Jim Collins then put the Nationals up 7-1 in the fourth, before Fairbanks completed the scoring in the sixth and seventh. In the sixth, Fairbanks doubled up the gap in right-center, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error. In the seventh he walked, stole second, and scored as Burlington made two more errors in the field. The Vermont state champs, who lost their second straight, committed six errors in all.

With their first win here now under their belts, the Nationals — the Berkshire County and Western State champions for the third year in a row — now set their sights on Weymouth. "That's the state championship game as far as we're concerned," Nats' manager Collins said.

And by winning the rather unofficial state title tonight, the Nationals can inch just that much closer to their ultimate goal — the New England regional crown.

SIDELIGHTS: After tonight's play, the eight-team tournament will be reduced to four teams. The only two unbeaten teams left are Nashua and Cumberland-Lincoln. They meet tomorrow night at 8, with the winner going directly to Friday's finals . . . Fairbanks is the Nationals' probable starter on the mound tonight. He's 2-0 in all-star play, having won once in the county tournament and once in the states . . . By winning last night's game, the Nationals at least assured themselves of a better regional finish than last year, when they dropped two straight at Sanford, Maine.

Nationals	ab	r	h	bi	Burlington	ab	r	h	bi
Meaney ss	3	3	3	0	T. Myers cf	3	0	0	0
MacHaffie 3b	1	0	0	0	St.Marie rf	3	1	1	0
Furciniti cf	4	2	1	0	Parnlos p-ss	0	0	0	0
Collins c	4	0	1	2	Bstwick 3b-p	4	0	1	0
Frbnks 3b-ss	3	3	2	2	Gbriult 2b-p	3	0	1	1
Daury 1b	3	0	1	0	D Myers 1b	3	0	0	0
Paul 1b	2	0	0	0	Bernoit pr	0	0	0	0
Rogers p	4	0	0	0	Precoust 1b	0	0	0	0
Turnbull 2b	3	0	0	0	Wterman ss-p	3	0	1	0
Geranios 2b	0	0	0	0	Bergeron c	3	0	1	0
Archey rf	2	0	0	0	Pringle lf	3	0	0	0
Lee rf	1	0	0	0					
Quinlan lf	2	1	0	0					
Arace lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	32	9	8	4	Totals	25	1	5	1

Nationals	203	210	1—9
Burlington	100	000	0—1

E — Nationals 2, Burlington 6; DP — Nationals 1; LOB — Nationals 4, Burlington 8; 2B — Fairbanks; HR — Fairbanks; SB — Meaney, Fairbanks.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Rogers (W)	7	5	1	1	5	7
Pornelos (L)	2	5	5	4	0	1
Bostwick	3	3	3	0	0	1
Waterman	2	0	1	0	1	1

WP — Bostwick, Rogers; T — 2:15; PB — Collins; HPB — By Rogers (T. Myers)

AUG 10 1982

Adams Markets defeats VFW for division title

Adams Super Markets won the championship of the American League of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League last night on a 10-4 triumph over VFW at Benedict Road Field. Adams Super Markets had taken the first-half championship and VFW was the second-half winner.

The Super Markets club utilized 10 hits and 12 walks for its comfortable victory margin. The winners broke a 3-3 tie in the fourth inning with six runs.

Dave Tchorz led the Adams offense with a double and two singles and three runs batted in. He had a big RBI single in the sixth. Paul Ferdyn had two singles and drove in a run in the sixth-inning uprising.

Shaun Sottile was the winning pitcher on a seven-hitter. He gave up just one walk and fanned eight. After giving up a home run to Tony Arpante, a single tp Dom Carnevale anda home run to Ed Ladley in the firsdt inning, Sottile settled down giving up just four hits and one run the rest of the way.

Arpante had a double to go with his homer and Carnevale rapped two singles. Dave Angeli had two singles in the losing cause.

Arpante was the VFW starting and losing pitcher. Jeff Colbert relieved in the fourth inning.

Adams Super Markets will face the National League champion for the city crown. The National League play-offs have been held up pending the outcome of the National All-Stars' quest for the regional title at Keene, N.H.

AUG 11 1982

Babe Ruth League results

VFW grabbed a 9-1 lead after two innings and rolled to an 11-6 win over Arace Datsun in a round-robin semifinal baseball game last night at Benedict Road Field.

Jeff Colbert had a three-run homer in a five-run first inning for VFW. He also had a lead-off triple in the fifth. Dom Carnevale, who had a pair of singles for the winners, drove in two runs in the four-run second in which VFW also utilized four walks and an error.

Dave Angeli went the first six innings for VFW and was credited with the win. Doc Gian took over in the seventh with none out and two on and got a save. Arace Datsun pitcher Dave Honiker went all the way.

Leading hitters for the losers with two singles each were Brian Traversa, Mike Gregory, Tim McMahon and Steve Ellsworth. Ellsworth drove in three runs and McMahon two.

Thanks, Pittsfield

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Through your newspaper, I would like to thank the people of Pittsfield for their fine cooperation during the recent Western Massachusetts Babe Ruth State Tournament held at Wahconah Park. I would especially like to thank all the wonderful families that opened their homes and their hearts in housing the boys from various areas of Western Massachusetts. I am sure the warmth and friendship offered will remain in the hearts of the players for years to come.

I would also like to say thanks to all members of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth Program who did so much to make the tournament a great success.

And congratulations to the Pittsfield National team for winning the tournament and good luck in the regional tournament in Keene, N.H.

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Babe Ruth regionals

Nationals ousted by South Weymouth 4-3

By Ray Lamont

KEENE, N.H. — The Eastern Mass. champion South Weymouth all-stars pushed across two runs in the top half of the seventh inning to score a 4-3 win over the Pittsfield Nationals last night and eliminate the Pittsfield team from further play in the New England Regional 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament at Alumni Field here.

The win advances South Weymouth to a third-round losers' bracket game today. The loss officially left Pittsfield as the sixth-place finisher in the eight-team double-elimination tournament. The Nationals lost their first-round game here to Nashua, N.H., last Saturday, and had won their first-round losers' bracket clash by beating Burlington, Vt., Monday night. The Pittsfield team was making its third straight appearance in the regionals, having once again won both the Berkshire County and Western State championships earlier this summmer.

The winner of this tournament will earn a berth in the Babe Ruth League World Series beginning August 21 in Manchester, N.H. No Berkshire County team has ever made it to the World Series.

For a while last night, it looked for all the world like the Nationals would at least make it past their Eastern Mass. rivals.

State title tilt

In a game billed unofficially as the Mass. state championship contest, South Weymouth opened a 1-0 lead, scoring on a walk, a stolen base and an error in the top of the first.

But Pittsfield came back strong to bunch together three hits and a key Weynouth error for three runs in the last of the third.

With one out, Mike Archey looped a single to left, went to second when Pete Quinlan beat out an infield hit and took third as Jim Meaney banged a solid single to right-center.

Mark Furciniti then grounded to South Weymouth shortstop Greg Collins, who, in trying to turn a double play, threw the ball into right field, scoring both Archey and Quinlan. And Meaney raced home moments later on a wild pitch to put the Nationals up by a 3-1 count.

At that point, Leo Fairbanks was going strong on the mound for the Nationals. Fairbanks hurled no-hit ball for the first 3⅓ innings, and after Weymouth's Pete Sheridan singled in the top of the fourth, Nationals' third baseman Dave MacHaffie started an around-the-horn double play.

But Weymouth kept punching away. And the Eastern Mass. team got on the board again in the top of the sixth.

After Fairbanks walked South Weymouth leadoff man Tom Healy and went to a 2-0 count on Don Cornell to start the sixth, Nationals' manager Bud Collins went to left-hander Jeff Daury, who had started the game at first base. But Daury walked Cornell and Paul Carey, and when Pete Sheridan reached on an infield hit, Healy raced home to make it 3-2.

S. Weymouth	ab	r	h	bi	Nationals	ab	r	h	bi
Healy cf	3	0	0	0	Meaney ss	3	1	1	0
Sellers pr	0	1	0	0	Furciniti cf	3	0	1	0
Cornell 2b	3	0	1	1	J. Collins c	3	0	1	0
Carey 1b	1	1	0	0	Frbnks p,1b	3	0	0	0
Sheridan c	3	0	2	1	Daury 1b,p	3	0	0	0
Brennan rf	3	0	0	0	Turnbull 2b	3	0	0	0
Doyle p	3	0	0	0	MacHaffie 3b	3	0	0	0
Norris 3b	2	1	1	0	Archey rf	3	1	1	0
G.Collins ss	2	0	1	0	Queridan lf	1	1	1	0
Murphy lf	2	0	0	0	Rogers ph	1	0	0	0
Pompio ph	1	1	1	1					
Totals	23	4	6	2	Totals	26	3	5	0

S. Weymouth	100	001	2—4
Nationals	003	000	0—3

E — Nationals 1, S. Weymouth 1; DP — Nationals 1; LOB — Nationals 3, S. Weymouth 6; SB — Carnell, Carey, Norris, Pompio; S — G. Collins

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Doyle (W)	7	5	3	1	1	4
Fairbanks	5	2	2	1	3	2
Daury (L)	2	4	2	2	2	2

WP — Fairbanks, Doyle; T — 2:10

Bizarre play

Daury struck out Mike Brennan, and the Nationals then got an apparent reprieve on a bizarre play off a missed bunt attempt. With pitcher Joe Doyle at bat, the Eastern Mass. club ran a suicide squeeze. But Doyle missed the ball, and although Cornell crossed the plate safely, the South Weynouth runner was called out because Doyle had interfered with Pittsfield catcher Jim Collins on the play at the plate. That left runners on first and second, and the Nats got out of the inning when Doyle finally grounded out.

But that only set the stage for the final Weymouth rally in the seventh.

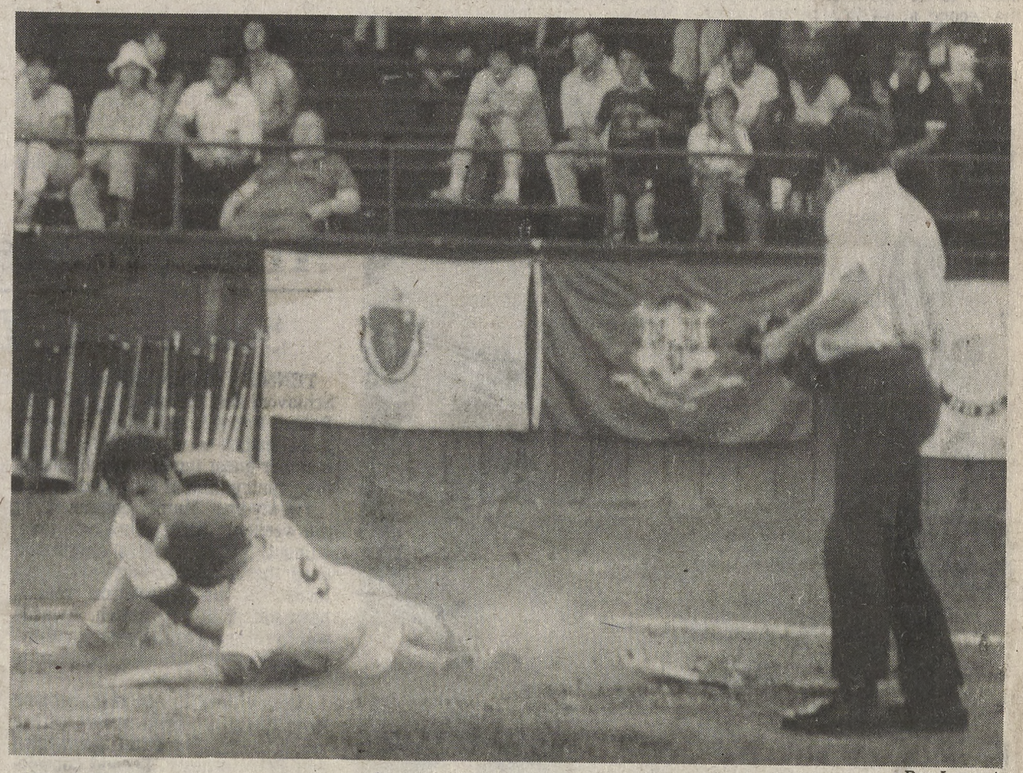
Greg Norris led off the Weymouth seventh with a single to right-center, stole second, and went to third on Greg Collins' sacrifice bunt. Pinch-hitter Chuck Pompio then singled up the middle, tying the game at 3-3.

Daury struck out Healy, but Pompio also stole second and when Cornell followed with a solid hit to right, that knocked in Pompio with the game's winning run. Pittsfield went out 1-2-3 in the last of the seventh.

"It was a tough way to lose," Nationals' manager Collins said afterward. "The really tough thing was, if we got by this one, I think we could have really done something. But hey — what are you going to do. The kids played well — they played well tonight and they've played well right along. They don't have to hang their heads. They've got nothing to be ashamed of."

Doyle was the winning pitcher, going all the way with a five-hitter. Daury was charged with the loss.

The Nationals' loss thus ends another Babe Ruth League tournament season for Berkshire County teams. In all, the Nats posted a record this year of 8-3, having at one point won seven straight in gaining the county and Western State titles. The Pittsfield team also became the first team to ever capture three successive Western State crowns.



Ray Lamont

THIRD RUN for the Pittsfield Nationals in their 9-1 win over Burlington South Monday night is scored by Pete Quinlan in the third inning. He bat the throw to Vermont catcher Claude Bergeron on Jim Collins' ground ball. The Nationals were eliminated from the Babe Ruth New England regionals by South Weymouth 4-3 last night.

Babe Ruth League results

O'Connell Oil edged Gildo's Auto Body 6-5 in an extra-inning Babe Ruth American League round-robin playoff semifinal game last night at Reid School field. The contest was started Tuesday night but was suspended by darkness after seven innings with the score 5-5.

O'Connell's iced the win in the first extra inning last night. Chris Reagan doubled and moved to third on an error on Jeff Snyder's grounder. He scored on Kirk Gilbert's suicide squeeze bunt on a close play at the plate.

Jeff McCarthy was the winning pitcher in relief. He pitched hitless ball for three innings Tuesday and the one inning yesterday and fanned six. Paul Gaylord had gone the first four innings and had whiffed six also. Mike Daley was the losing pitcher. He took over last night for Mike Hagerty, who worked the seven innings Tuesday.

McCarthy was the batting hero Tuesday night with a bases-loaded triple in the seventh inning that tied the score and put the game in overtime.

Snyder, Gaylord and Jeff Blair had two hits each for O'Connell Oil. Hagerty was the only Gildo's player with two safeties.

O'Connell's will meet VFW Saturday morning at 10 at Benedict Road Field for the American round robin crown.

AUG 12 1982

Babe Ruth playoffs

AUG 14 1982

GEAA tops Lipton for divisional title

Winning pitcher John Rogers and Dave MacHaffie banged out two hits apiece last night as GEAA captured the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League's National Division championship by scoring a 5-3 win over Lipton Oil in a playoff game at Deming Field.

GEAA had won the divisional first-half championship, while Lipton Oil won the second-half crown.

The victory puts GEAA into the city championship series against American Division champion Adams Super Markets. That best-of-three title series will begin Monday night at 5 at Deming Field, with the second game set to be played Wednesday at 5 at the Benedict Road field. If necessary, a third and deciding game would be played next Saturday afternoon at a site to be announced.

With GEAA leading 2-1, hits by Kevin Dowsett, Rick Paris and MacHaffie keyed a three-run sixth inning that put the game out of reach. Rogers, who relieved GEAA mound starter Mark Nagelschmidt in the fifth, picked up credit for the victory.

Jeff Daury and John Waitekus had two hits apiece for Lipton's. Jim Collins was the losing pitcher.

The loss dropped Lipton's into the city round-robin tournament for teams that finished second through fifth in each division during the regular season. Lipton's will take on Hermann Alexander's in a first-round game at 10 a.m. today at Deming Field.

Itam wins

In a first-round round-robin game at Sackett Brook Park last night, Jim Meaney was the winning pitcher and Dave Decelles had two hits and scored four runs last night as Itam downed IUE Local 255 by a 10-4 score.

With the victory, Itam now moves on and will meet the winner of today's Lipton-Hermann Alexander's game in a second-round tilt Monday night.

Itam scored three runs in each of the first two innings last night in rolling past IUE.

Pete Geranios and Andy Marziello also added two hits apiece for the winners, while Meaney and reliever Jamie Paul combined on a three-hitter. Meaney struck out six and did not walk a man over the first four innings.

Babe Ruth playoffs

AUG 17 1982

Adams wins opener in city title series

Adams Super Markets got the jump in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League city championship series last night when the American Division champions scored a 6-3 win over National Division champ GEAA at Deming Field.

The victory means that Adams can wrap up the city crown tomorrow night when the teams meet again in the second game of their best-of-three series at 5 o'clock at the Benedict Road field. If GEAA wins that game, the teams will meet again Saturday afternoon in the third and final game at a yet-to-be-named site.

Trailing 3-2, Adams erupted for four runs in the seventh inning to win last night's series opener. The big blow of the inning was a three-run double by Eric Falkowski. Falkowski had also homered earlier in the game.

Rich LeVardi also had a single and a double for the winners, while Mark Nagelschmidt had a single and a double and Dave Reynolds added a pair of singles for GEAA. Shaun Sottile was the winning pitcher, while Danny Martin was charged with the loss.

Round robin

In the Babe Ruth League round-robin for second through fifth-place regular-season finshers, VFW earned the right to represent the American Division in the finals by downing O'Connell Oil 12-6 last night at the Benedict Road field.

VFW will now meet either Hermann Alexander's or Itam in the finals on Thursday. Hermann Alexander's and Itam are playing tonight at 5:30 at Deming Field for the right to represent the National Division in the title game.

Ed Ladley and Jeff Colbert each cracked a three-run homer for VFW last night, while Dom Carnevale and Dave Angeli chipped in with two hits apiece. Carnevale also scored four runs.

Payl Gaylord had two hits and scored three runs for O'Connell's, while Jeff McCarthy belted a two-run homer. Tony Arpante was the winning pitcher on the strength of a five-inning, one-hit relief stint. O'Connell starter Kyle Kozlowski was charged with the loss.

Saturday, Hermann Alexander's advanced in the National Division round-robin playoffs by scoring a 6-2 win over Lipton Oil.

Winning pitcher Tom Pia hurled a two-hitter and helped his own cause by banging out two hits and knocking in a pair of runs. Jeff Daury, the losing pitcher, had two hits for Lipton.

Babe Ruth playoffs

AUG 19 1982

GEAA rallies in 7th to nip Adams, 6-5

Kern Dowsett's two-run double capped a spectacular six-run, last-inning rally last night as GEAA scored a come-from-behind 6-5 win over Adams Super Market in the city championship series of the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball League.

The victory knotted the series at 1-1, forcing a final showdown in the best-of-three series Saturday at 1 p.m. at Wahconah Park. Adams, the American Division champion, had defeated National Division champ GEAA 6-3 in the series opener Monday.

GEAA, just two outs away from elimination and a 5-0 defeat, put together an incredible rally to pull out the victory. With one out, Ricky Paris singled and the next two batters walked, loading the bases. A single by Steve Weiber brought home the first run, and a ground ball scored the second, but also recorded the second out.

Mark Nagelschmidt, Dave Reynolds and Billy Noble followed with consecutive singles to deliver two more runs, cutting the margin to 5-4 and setting the stage for Dowsett. He then lined his game-winning hit to right center.

Adams leads early

Adams had taken a 2-0 lead on a two-run error in the second inning. They added two more in the third when Eric Falkowski doubled in a run and scored on an error. Shaun Sottile singled in the fifth run in the sixth.

Nagelschmidt pitched the distance, hurling a seven-hitter with 10 strikeouts to get the win for GEAA. Dowsett, Reynolds and Weiber had two hits each for the winners, and Sottile, Falkowski and Dave Tchorz two each for Adams.

Round robin tonight

The league's round robin championship game is scheduled today at 5:30 at Deming Field, with Itam taking on VFW. The event is for local Babe Ruth teams who finished second through fifth in the league standings.

Last night's box score:

GEAA	ab	r	h	bi	Adams Super Mkt.	ab	r	h	bi
MacHaffie ss	3	1	0	0	Ott cf,p	4	0	0	0
Martin 3b	3	1	0	0	Carron pr	0	0	0	0
Weiber c	4	1	2	1	Sottile ss	4	0	2	1
Rogers 1b	4	0	1	0	Wrblewski 3b	4	1	0	0
Ngleschmdt p	3	1	1	1	R. Levardi c	4	0	0	0
Reynolds 2b	4	1	2	1	Falkowski 3b	3	1	2	1
Noble lf	3	0	1	0	Cadenelli p	2	1	1	0
Clark lf	0	0	0	0	Tchorz lf	3	1	2	0
Dupont pr	0	0	0	0	Huska pr	0	0	0	0
Dowsett cf	4	0	2	2	Ferdyn 2b	3	0	1	0
Ri Paris rf	2	1	1	0	Johnson pr	0	0	0	0
					M. Levrdi rf	1	0	0	0
					Carlson	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	6	10	5	Totals	28	5	8	2

GEAA	000	000	6—6
Adams	022	001	0—5

E — GEAA 3, Adams 2; LOB — GEAA 8, Adams 9; 2B — Reynolds, Dowsett, Falkowski; SB — Falkowski

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Nagleschmidt (W)	7	8	5	2	5	10
Cadenelli (L)	5⅔	10	6	6	5	1
Ott	⅓	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Cadenelli 2; T — 2:10; Umpires — Ostrikis, Marziello, Harrison

Babe Ruth playoffs

AUG 20 1982

VFW tops Itam 9-8 to win round robin

VFW wrapped up the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League round-robin championship last night by pulling out a come-from-behind 9-8 win over Itam at Deming Field.

The VFW was representing the American Division in the round-robin finals, while the Itam team was representing the National Division. The round-robin tourney is for teams which finish in second through fifth place in each division during regular-season play.

Itam took a big lead early, with Jeff Lee's two-run single sparking a five-run surge in the first inning.

But VFW came roaring back and eventually tied the game at 7-7 with a four-run fifth. The key blow in that uprising was a two-run single off the bat of Dave Angeli.

VFW then took the lead at 9-7 when Jeff Chandler banged out an RBI single and Angeli added a run-scoring double in the sixth. And although Itam came back to get one run in the seventh, the National Division squad could not get the equalizer.

Angeli had two singles, a double, three RBI and emerged as the winning pitcher for VFW, having come on in relief of Colbert. Colbert also had two hits and two RBI.

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Dave Decelles had three hits, Jamie Paul added a pair of safeties and Andy Marziello knocked in a pair of runs for Itam. Paul was the losing pitcher despite going the distance.

City series

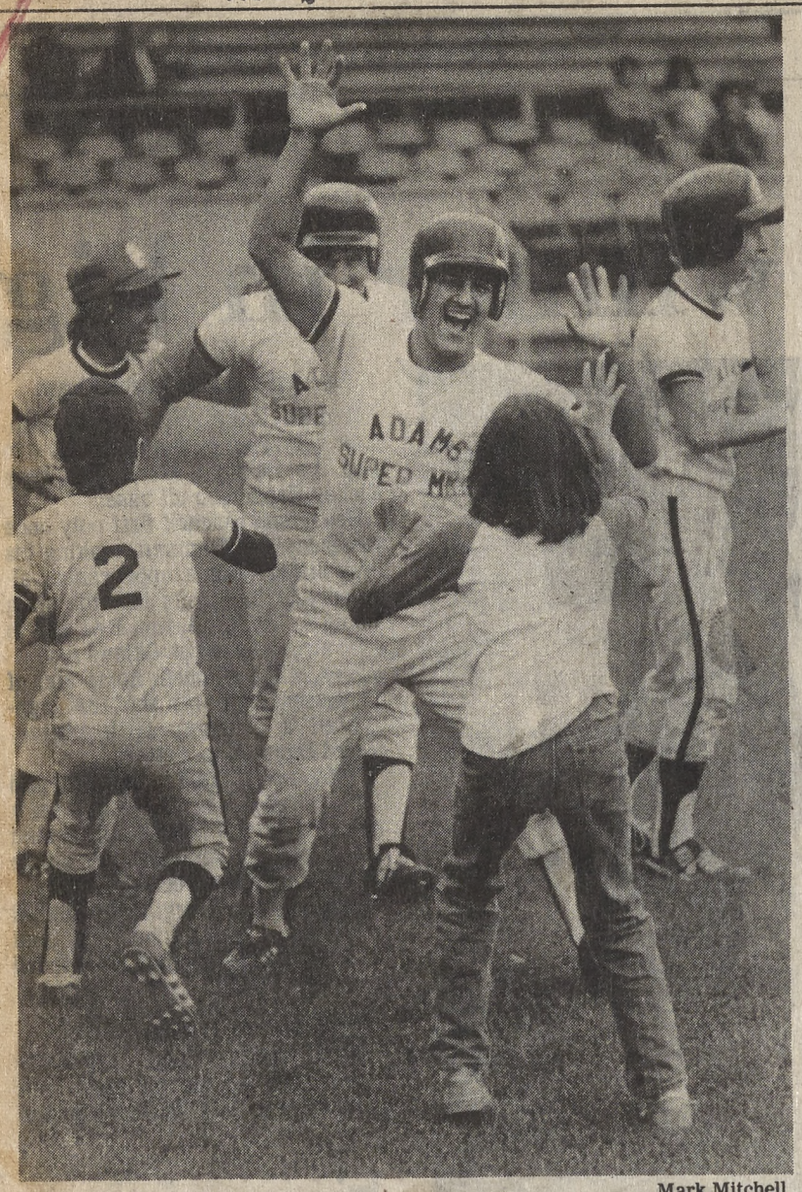
With the round-robin now over, there is just one game remaining game in the local Babe Ruth League this seaon, but it should be a beauty.

GEAA and Adams Super Markets, deadlocked at one game each in their best-of- three city championship series, will meet to decide the title tomorrow at 1 o'clock at Wahconah Park.

GEAA, the National Division champion, forced the deciding game Wednesday night by rallying for six runs in the seventh inning to win the second game of the series 6-5.

Adams had won the series opener, beating GEAA by a 6-3 count.

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Mark Mitchell

CELEBRATING after scoring his team's next-to-last run in a four-run 16th-inning rally, Adams Super Markets' Frank Ott whoops it up with excited teammates during Saturday's Babe Ruth League city championship game.



Designated hitter

AUG 23 1982

A grand finale

By Ray Lamont

When the dust finally cleared, there had been 16 hits, 14 runs and a total of 26 bases on balls. One player had handled 17 chances on defense, another had reached base seven times on offfense.

Two teams of 13-to-15-year-old kids had just finished their ball game — a game that decided the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League's city championship Saturday afternoon before a hearty gathering of about 100 at Wahconah Park. And even though the Adams Super Markets team had just won the city title, the players were almost too tired to celebrate. Adams, you see, had indeed just beaten GEAA 9-5. But the game had lasted 16 innings — and took four hours and 20 minutes to play.

This Berkshire County baseball season began back in April, when a right-handed pitcher named Chris Hoffstedt of Mount Greylock Regional started by hurling the ball through a sea of snowflakes against Hoosac Valley up in Williamstown. Since then, Pittsfield High and Hoosac Valley won Western Mass. championships, the Pittsfield Nationals' Babe Ruth League all-star team had won the Western State playoffs and played in the New England regionals in Keene, the Dalton-Hinsdale Little League all-stars had won their first championship — and in fact their first game — in the Berkshire County all-star playoffs, and the Friendship Tyler Aces had captured the county American Legion crown.

But Saturday's game between GEAA and Adams Super Markets was the last organized league baseball game to be played in the county this year. And a spirited group of 13-to-15-year-old kids made it perhaps the most memorable game of all.

The game was the longest ever played in the 30-year history of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League, and its scope may go beyond that. Nobody could be reached at the Babe Ruth League's national headquarters in Trenton, N.J., over the weekend to check any longevity records on a regional of national level. There is a Babe Ruth League press guide that says the longest Babe Ruth all-star game ever played was a 15-inning World Series contest between Nashville, Tenn., and Terre-Haute, Ind., back in 1957. But the guide does not include records of regular league games.

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This game had something for everybody. There was some good pitching — GEAA hurlers John Rogers and Danny Martin allowed just one hit over the first 10 innings. And there was some timely hitting, like when GEAA catcher Steve Wieber singled sharply to left to put his team ahead for the first time in the last of the sixth.

In the field, Adams shortstop Chris Cadenelli was faced with 17 chances and made just one error — on, you might know it, his first play of the game. His best play came in the 12th inning, when with two outs and a GEAA runner on second, he ranged deep in the hole and threw out Dave Reynolds on a close play at first, saving a run and ending the inning.

GEAA right-fielder Rick Paris, on the other hand, caught seven fly balls — all from the eighth inning on. Three times in a four-inning span from the 12th through the 15th, Paris recorded the final out of the inning as players and fans held their breaths with Adams runners in scoring position.

The game also included everything from a catcher's interference to a runner missing home plate.

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— There was a total of five runners thrown out at the plate. GEAA turned two home-to-first double plays, both on Adams bunt attempts with the bases loaded.

— There were 31 runners left on base, 17 by Adams. That becomes even stranger when you realize that Adams had just five hits in the game. Adams, however, waited out GEAA pitchers for 20 of the game's 26 walks.

— When's the last time you saw a shortstop make an unassisted putout on a force play at third base? Well, it happened Saturday. With runners on first and second, Adams' Paul Ferdyn looped a ball in the hole between GEAA shortstop Dave MacHaffie and third baseman John Rogers. MacHaffie couldn't catch the ball, but he trapped it, and with Rogers well off the bag, MacHaffie's only chance was to try to beat Adams' runner Cadenelli to the third-base bag. That's exactly what he did.

— A 16-inning game can do wonders for your batting average. There was a total of 113 official at-bats, and the two second basemen combined went 0-for-14. Although Adams first baseman Eric Falkowski reached base seven times on five walks, an error and a fielder's choice, he still wound up 0-for-4 on the day — despite scoring three runs.

— Finally, the game's most bizarre play came in the top of the 11th. Adams leadoff hitter Frank Ott drilled a one-out triple that rolled all the way to the wall in right-center. One out later, Falkowski walked, placing runners on first and third with two away. And Rich LeVardi then delivered an apparent triple, again up the gap in right-center. But there was a catch. When Ott reached the plate, he jumped high in the air to celebrate scoring what he thought was the go-ahead run. But when he came down, he didn't land on the plate at all. He had, in fact, jumped right over it. GEAA catcher Wieber alertly noticed to play, called for the ball on appeal, and Ott was out. Since his out was the third out of the inning, the second run didn't count either. And LeVardi und up getting credit for nothing but a fielder's choice since no runners had officially advanced.

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As the game went on — and on and on — the tide began to swing clearly in favor of Adams Super Markets. Adams loaded the bases and could not score in both the 14th and 15th frames. And in the GEAA dugout, coach Mike McKeever cracked, "We're not winning — we're just surviving."

Finally, in the 16th, GEAA lost the battle of survival. Perhaps fittingly, a double by Ott sparked a four-run Adams uprising, and the city championship game was over.

The game, and the entire season, had ended on a cool, breezy afternoon at Wahconah Park. And the final game, like the whole season, had indeed been one to remember.

Babe Ruth city playoffs

Adams Super Markets wins title in 16 innings

By Ray Lamont

Adams Super Markets pushed across four runs in the top half of the 16th inning Saturday to score a dramatic 9-5 win over GEAA and win the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League city championship at Wahconah Park.

The marathon triumph enabled Adams to take the best-of-three city series, two games to one. It had won the first game 6-3, but GEAA forced a deciding game by scoring a 6-5 win with six runs in the seventh inning Wednesday night.

Adams Super Markets was the American Division champion during regular-season play, while GEAA had captured the National Division crown.

The 4-hour, 20-minute title game saw the teams tie 5-5 in the seven regulation innings and then play eight straight scoreless frames before Adams finally broke through in the 16th.

Paul Ferdyn led off the winning uprising with a walk, was sacrificed to second on a bunt by pinch hitter Don Carlson and took third on a wild pitch. Steve Huska then walked and stole second, placing runners on second and third.

Adams leadoff hitter Frank Ott, who had tripled and later scored the apparent go-ahead run in the 11th — only to be called out on an appeal for missing home plate — then lofted a double to left-center, sending Ferdyn home. Huska, who had held up to see if the ball would be caught, remained at third but scored on a bunt by Shaun Sottile, who reached on an error. And Ott scored moments later on a fielder's choice ground ball off the bat of Eric Falkowski. Falkowski scored his team's final run when he went to second on a wild pitch, stole third and scored on another wild pitch.

Earlier, GEAA pitchers John Rogers and 13-year-old Dan Martin had combined on a one-hitter for 10 innings, but Adams stayed alive by scoring five unearned runs. Adams scored first in the top of the second, when Dave Tchorz singled to right-center, went to second on a wild pickoff throw, took third on a wild pitch and went home on a passed ball.

GEAA then tied it in the third, scoring on three Adams errors. And after Adams went up 2-1 in the top of the sixth, on three walks and a GEAA error, GEAA went ahead 5-2 with four runs in the last of the inning. A single by Martin and an RBI hit by Steve Wieber helped spark that uprising.

Undaunted, Adams tied it again with three runs in the top of the seventh, scoring on two bases-loaded walks and a run-scoring infield grounder off the bat of Rich LeVardi.

That's where it stood until the 16th.

Tchorz, who came in from third base to relieve starting pitcher Sottile at the start of the 11th, was the winning pitcher. Sottile had to leave the game under a Babe Ruth League rule that does not allow a pitcher to hurl more then 10 innings in a single game.

The losing pitcher was GEAA's Dave MacHaffie, who pitched the final inning. Martin had worked 10 strong innings after relieving Rogers with no outs in the sixth.

Rogers, GEAA's cleanup hitter, had three hits with singles in the fourth and seventh innings and a double in the 12th.

The score:

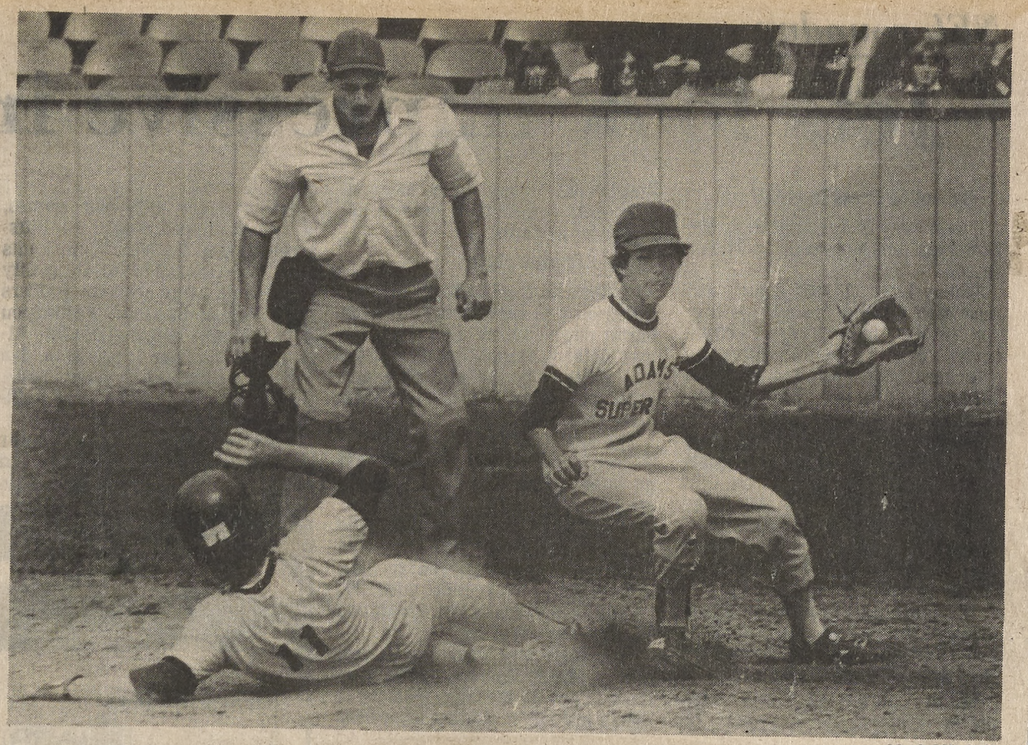
Adams	ab	r	h	bi	GEAA	ab	r	h	bi
Ott,cf	8	1	2	1	MacHffie,ssp	5	1	1	0
Sottile,p-3b	6	1	0	1	Martin,3b-p	8	1	2	0
Falkowski,1b	4	3	0	2	Wieber,c	8	1	2	1
R.LeVardi,c	6	0	1	1	Rogers,p-3b	7	1	3	0
Cadenelli,ss	7	0	0	0	Nglshmidt,1b	5	0	0	0
Tchorz,3b-p	6	1	2	1	Reynolds,2b	7	0	0	0
Ferdyn,2b	7	1	0	0	Dowsett,cf	7	1	2	0
M.LeVardi,rf	5	1	0	0	Paris,rf	6	0	1	0
Carlson,ph	0	0	0	0	Clark,lf	2	0	0	0
Huska,lf	5	1	0	0	Noble,ph-lf	3	0	0	0
Johnson,ph	0	1	0	0	Dupont,ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	54	9	5	6	Totals	59	5	11	1

Adams Mkts.	010	001	300	000	000	4	—	9		
GEAA	001	004	000	000	000	0	—	5		

E — Adams 7, GEAA 8 DP — GEAA 2, Adams 1 LOB — Adams 17, GEAA 14 2B — Ott, Rogers 3B — Ott SB — Falkowski 3, R. LeVardi 2, M. LeVardi, Ott, Huska, Reynolds S — Sottile, Carlson, Paris

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sottile	10	8	5	4	4	3
Tchorz (W)	6	3	0	0	2	3
Rogers	5	1	2	0	6	9
Martin	10	3	3	0	11	5
MacHaffie (L)	1	1	4	2	3	0

WP — Sottile 2, MacHaffie 2, Rogers 1, Martin 1 T — 4 hours, 20 minutes PB — LeVardi 1, Wieber 1 HBP — MacHaffie (By Sottile) Umpires — Joe Marziello, Pete Ochs, Joe Harrison



Mark Mitchell

SAFE AT HOME, GEAA's Steve Wieber scores on a passed ball as Adams Super Markets pitcher Shaun Sottile takes the throw during Saturday's Babe Ruth League city championship game at Wahconah Park. Umpire Joe Marziello eyes the action. Adams Super Markets won the game 9-5 in a 16-inning marathon.



Susan Plageman

CITY CHAMPION of the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League is Adams Super Markets, which won the American Division championship and then beat GEAA in the best-of-three city title series, winning the third and deciding game 9-5 in 16 innings. Team members include, left to right: front row — Don Carlson, Mike Slocik, Scott Johnson, Steve Huska and Randy Wroblewski; middle row — Frank Ott, Paul Ferdyn, Bill Carron, Mike LeVardi and coach Dick Cadenelli; back row — coach Gene DiNicola, Dave Tchorz, Chris Cadenelli, Eric Falkowski, Shaun Sottile, Rich LeVardi and manager Ed Sottile.

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Team's appreciation

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

We recently accompanied the Longmeadow All-Star team to Pittsfield for the Western Massachusetts Babe Ruth Tournament. We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the people of Pittsfield who opened their hearts and homes to the members of our team.

We have personal knowledge of the graciousness of our hosts because our own sons spent a marvelous three days at the home of Gildo and Eleanor DeSanctis. They told story upon story of how well they were treated and how kind everyone was to them. Other members of the team told similar stories. Their stay is an experience they will treasure with warmth and affection.

If any Pittsfield people are ever in the Springfield area, we hope they'll stop in Longmeadow for a visit. We would all like the opportunity to reciprocate your city's kindness and generosity.

JOSEPH P. FRANSON
DONALD R. CAMERON
Longmeadow

The writers are, respectively, manager and coach of the Longmeadow Babe Ruth All-Stars.

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Looking Back

50 Years Ago

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Morningside Baptist Church elected as its officers: Phyllis Dowling, president; Gracia Brown, vice president; Christine Parker, secretary; and Edna Wells, treasurer.

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25 Years Ago

A critical shortage in the city's water supply prompted Mayor Harvey E. Lake to proclaim a state of emergency. With Cleveland Reservoir, the city's main source of water, down to 29 percent of capacity, Mayor Lake said he had no option.

The championship trophy and jackets were presented to members of the Optimist Club, winner of the 1957 Babe Ruth Baseball League, at a banquet at the White Tree Inn. Ken King received a certificate for winning the league batting championship.

10 Years Ago

Norman Wilcox Jr. of Main Street, Cummington, was installed master of the Cummington Grange for his 10th consecutive year.

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As I See It

Grieve on the move

By Bob McDonough

NOV 6 1982

Tom Grieve is on the move again, but it's no big surprise.

Rumored for weeks but unconfirmed until this week, Grieve will be stepping into the job of director of player development for the Texas Rangers. That means he will be in charge of the team's minor league operation.

He succeeds his former boss and former Pittsfield Rangers manager Joe Klein, who was promoted to general manager last month.

Klein headed a combined department that has now been divided into two parts. Klein was director of player development and procurement, meaning he was in charge of the minor league system and the scouting.

"I'll have certain things to do in scouting, but I'm not in charge," Grieve said yesterday from his office in Arlington, Texas. "Scouting will be sort of a group effort for awhile."

Grieve's new job will find him doing much of the same work that he's been doing as Klein's assistant since 1981. That's keeping an eye on the Rangers' developing young talent, from the Florida instructional leagues to the Class A team in Burlington, Iowa, the Class AA team in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Class AAA in Denver.

"The main thing going on now is the instructional league," said Grieve, who is scheduled to leave this morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend the final week of the two-month-long instructional campaign with the top 20 to 25 young prospects in the Texas organization.

The other duties occupying the former Pittsfield High star are budgetary, since it's that time of year. One prospect being explored, he said, is "the possibility of putting together a rookie league team. Now is budget time, and we lost a significant amount of money last year. So we're not sure if this is something we want to do."

One of the more enjoyable-sounding duties on the horizon for Grieve is the annual baseball winter meetings in December — scheduled this year in Hawaii.

"I probably won't even see the outside of a building," Grieve said, failing to draw any sympathy from his Berkshire-bound listener.

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Come springtime, Grieve will again trade the three-piece suit for his old No. 11, working with the new crop of recruits taking their first baby steps toward the promised land of the American League West.

"I look at it as a challenge, something that will be a real fine experience," said Grieve, who added that he has never harbored any doubt that his career will be in the Texas organization.

"I know he has the ability to do everything I'm doing and be a quality front-office person," Klein said this spring.

Grieve's new promotion is just the latest step in a spectacular career that began when he starred in Pittsfield Pee Wee baseball, was the youngest (at 15) to ever be named Pittsfield Boys' Club "Boy of the Year," and starred in baseball, basketball and football at Pittsfield High.

Here are some of the other major milestones in Grieve's "local boy makes good" career: — June 7, 1966: Chosen by the Washington Senators as No. 6 pick in the first round of the draft. — Aug. 15, 1966: Signs with Senators for bonus reportedly over $[illegible]0,000. — July 5, 1970: Major league debut with Senators, starting in right field at Yankee Stadium. — July 6, 1970: First major league hits, going 2-for-5 at Cleveland. — June 4, 1974: Hit two homers in Cleveland, night of famous 10-cent beer night riot. — Dec. 8, 1977: Traded by Rangers to N.Y. Mets, part of 11-player deal that was largest ever at winter meetings. — Dec. 5, 1978: Traded by Mets to St. Louis Cardinals. — May 9, 1979: Released by Cardinals. — Nov. 19, 1979: Announced his retirement after nine major league seasons. — 1981: Named assistant director of player development and procurement by the Rangers. — November, 1982: Named director of player development by the Rangers.

And just for the heck of it, think about what the New York Mets missed in 1966 when they had the No. 1 pick in the draft. They could have had Grieve 11 years earlier, but they passed him up. They could have had another kid out of Arizona State — Reggie Jackson — but they passed him up. Instead, they drafted a catcher out of Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Calif., Steve Chillcot, chairman of the "where is he now?" department.

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Bob McDonough

MOVING UP in the Texas Rangers' system are Joe Klein, left, the former Pittsfield manager who is now general manager, and Pittsfield native Tom Grieve, the new Director of Player Development.

10 Years Ago

Top awards of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League were presented to winners at Springside House. Recipients were Russ Quetti and Herb Shepardson, who won the Colin Keegan Sportsmanship Awards, and Mark Jamross, who was given the Paul Brindle Award for the best batting average in the league.

About 20 people met in the Miller Annex of the Adams Free Library and decided to establish a historical society. The meeting was called by Oscar R. Choquette, Wilfred J. DeBlois and Leon Dubuc, three businessmen with an interest in preserving local historical materials.

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: The South Minor League of Pittsfield will hold one final registration session before selecting its teams.

Any boy or girl age 8-12 who wishes to play in the league may sign up Monday night between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Deming field house.

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Tom Grieve still waiting for Rangers' official nod

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Reports that Pittsfield native Tom Grieve has been promoted to farm director of the Texas Rangers baseball team are premature, Grieve said last night.

"It's not true," he said, when contacted at his home in Arlington, Texas. "It may become true, but it certainly hasn't been told to me yet."

Last week, former Pittsfield Rangers manager Joe Klein was promoted by the Rangers from farm director to general manager. Grieve was farm director Klein's assistant, and the natural step would be for Grieve to succeed him and oversee the Rangers' minor-league and scouting systems.

The Boston Globe reported Wednesday that the Rangers had made Grieve's promotion official, but he said the report was in error.

"The report's not way out in left field, and it's probably going to happen," Grieve said. "But it's not official.

"There will be some kind of restructuring of the baseball end of the club," he continued. "[Klein] hinted I'll have more responsibility, but he hasn't come out and said, 'You'll be the farm director.' Joe's job as farm director put him in charge of player development, which is the minor leagues, and procurement, which is scouting. There's been no decision whether the new farm director will be in charge of both, whether there will be two people or whether he'll be in charge of one of them. I don't think he's sure."

Grieve, a former Pittsfield High three-sport star, played 10 years in the major leagues with the Washington Senators, the Rangers, the New York Mets and the St. Louis Cardinals. He has been the Rangers' assistant director of player procurement and development for more than a year.

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Susan Plageman

AWARD WINNERS in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League this year include, left to right, Mike O'Hagerty, coaches Dan DeSantis and Denny Turnbull, and Mark Nagelschmidt. O'Hagerty and Nagelschmidt were named winners of the Colin Keegan awards for the American and National divisions, respectively. That award goes annually to the player in each league that shows outstanding leadership and sportsmanship qualities. DeSantis and Turnbull were co-winners of the league's Coach of the Year award.

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SOFTBALL COACHES NEEDED: Coaches are needed by the Dapartment of Parks and Recreation for the ASA girls' age 10 to 15 softball leagues this summer. The program includes the Minor League for girls aged 10 to 12 and the Major League for girls aged 13 to 15. Anyone interested should contact Linda Murphy at the Parks Department.

All coaches should attend an organizational meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St. Schedules and rules will be set at that meeting.

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Susan Plageman

10-12 CHAMPIONS in the Girls' Recreational Softball League are the Giants. The team, which finished the regular season with a 12-2 record, won a best-of-three playoff series against the Phillies two games to one — with a 17-9 victory in the deciding game. Team members are, from left to right: Front Row — Jennifer Hayes, Justine Dodds, Kellie Davis and Renee Henault. Middle Row — Coach Dudley Kinnas, Melissa Fera, Kelly Kinnas, Tricia Doyle, Lisa Stanhope, Katy Winslow, Shaunna McNiece and Assistant Coach Jim Davis. Top Row — Julie Rodgers, Cindy Derby, Kim Cogut, Cris Coughlin, Donna Carlson and Sally Kellogg. Absent when photo was taken were Joanne Zaiken and Assistant Coach Dom Fera.

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SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS of the Parks and Recreation Department League Major Division for the second consecutive year are the Orioles. Standing, left to right, are assistant coaches Cindy Ginthwain and Sue Barscz and head coach Paul Anish. The players, seated left to right, are: first row, Ruth Cohen, Sandi Hassett, Suzanne Lapierre and Mary Robarge; second row, Debbie Anish, Paula St. Cyr, Barbara Palmer and Patty Murphy; third row, Rena Albertazzi, Jane Gilbert and Regina Albertazzi. Ida Patella and Patti Westcott were absent from the picture.

Junior grid program raises age limit

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Board of Directors of the Pittsfield Junior Football League has voted to raise a player's age limit to 14 years old.

This will allow Pittsfield boys, who do not have a jayvee of junior high football program due to cutbacks stemming from Proposition 2½, an opportunity to continue playing until they are eligible for a senior high school program.

The league will be divided into two divisions with four teams each. The A Division will be for players 12, 13 and 14-years-old, with a weight limit of 150 lbs. for a ball carrier, while the B Division will be made up of players ages 9-11 with a 100-pound ball carriers' weight limit. The A division will play Sunday afternoons at Wahconah Park, with B division games slated for Saturday mornings at Reid Junior High.

The directors also approved a charge of $5 per player this year to help defray league expenses.

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BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield Babe Ruth League 13- to-15-year-old baseball program has one coaching vacancy for the coming season.

Anyone interested in coaching in the league this season should contact league President Jim Hassett as soon as possible.

SOFTBALL: The Pittsfield Bar League Softball Association will hold a final organizational meeting Monday night at 7:30 at the Coaches' Corner on Melville Street.

All entry fees must be paid at the meeting. This will be the final meeting before the schedules are made out.

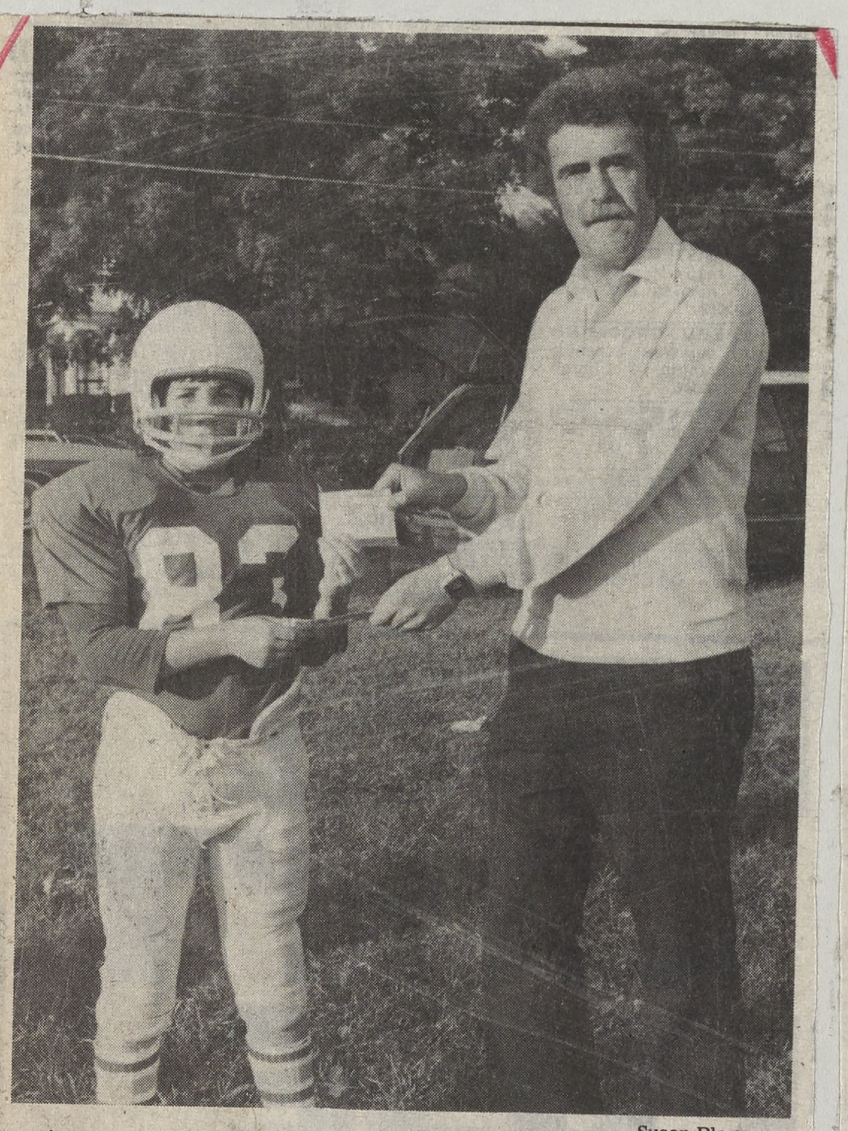
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PAUL BRINDLE BASEBALL: Registration for the Paul Brindle Baseball League will take place on Saturday, May 1, at the Crosby Middle School between 10 a.m. and noon. Tryouts for 14 and 15 year olds will follow at 1 p.m.

Tryouts for 13 year olds will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 11 a.m. The rain dates form tryouts are Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4.

The Paul Brindle League is open to all Pittsfield youths between the ages of 13 and 15. In order to participate, youths must have turned 13 by Aug. 1 and be no older than 15 years of age on Aug. 1 of this year. Players will be required to provide a birth certificate and $5 equipment fee after selection to a team.

The league is looking for volunteers for managers, team coaches and scorekeepers as well as persons interested in becoming members of the board of directors. Anyone interested should contact John Graham, 33 Sampson Parkway.



Susan Plageman

FIRST SALE of a season ticket for the Pittsfield Junior Football League is made by league player Scott Farrell to his father, Bob. Clem Farrell, Scott's grandfather and Bob's father, was one of the founders of youth football in the city when he helped start the old Pop Warner League back in 1953. The league will hold its door-to-door benefit ticket sale tomorrow from 10 to 2.

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Area sports

Giants, Rams

SEP 27 1982

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Giants raised their record to 2-0 and the Rams evened their mark at 1-1 yesterday with victories in Pittsfield Junior Football League games at Wahconah Park.

The Giants rolled to a 42-0 triumph over the Browns in the first game of the double-header, while the rams downed the Lions 14-6 in the nightcap.

Mark Nykorchuck threw three touchdown passes to spark the Giants, hitting Chuck Murphy on a 31-yard scoring toss and connecting for TD passed to Bill Hines — one of 33 and the other of 36 yards. Murphy also scored on an 11-yard run.

Tim Furrow and Marty Streit scored the other Giant touchdowns.

Tom McKnight scored on runs of 60 and 65 yards to carry the Rams to their triumph over the Browns. Don Dufour had the lone Browns' touchdown, taking a screen pass from Shaun Southard and rambling 95 yards for the score.

Area sports

AUG 14 1982

Jr. football slates sign-up

YOUTH FOOTBALL: Registration for the Pittsfield Junior Football League, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will begin Monday. For the first time the league will be open to 14-year-olds.

To be eligible players must be 9 though 14 years of age. The league will be divided into two divisions with the A division for players 12, 13 and 14. The 9- to 11-year-olds will be in the B division.

Anyone interested in playing should fill out the registration coupon found in today's paper and return it to the Department of Parks and Recreation at 874 North St. Tryouts will begin Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. on the Common on First Street. Registration will close Aug. 26 and the teams will be picked the same day.

Candidates must attend at least 50 per cent of the tryouts to be selected for a team and they must be present Aug. 26 to be picked. Anyone, who will be away the week of Aug. 23, should register in advance with a statement that the candidate will be away from the area that week. They will be assigned to teams while absent.

Candidates must obtain medical waivers from their family physicians. League rules require all players to wear cups and protective mouthpieces, which must be provided by the candidates.

To be eligible for the A division boys must have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1967 and prior to July 31, 1970 and for the B division on or before Aug. 1, 1970 and prior to July 31, 1973. The league is for Pittsfield residents only and there will be a $5 registration fee charged to help defray league expenses.

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GOLF LEAGUES: The team of John Clark, Ed Raab, Butch Kirkpatrick and Don Graham shot a low net of 54 Tuesday to win the Dilly

SPORTS

Boys' match at the Wahconah Country Club. Mo Reilly had the individual low gross with an 83, while Raab took individual low net honors by shooting a 63.

In another Dilly Boys' event on Thursday, Charlie Mole, Bill Shepard amd Jack Franklin shot a net 53 to take the team title, with Shepard winning individual low gross honors with a 77. Dom Strizzi and Roy Wheeler tied for individual low net with 64s.

Marge Fick, Helen Kozchuck and Gretchen Niebauer tied for the low gross championship in the Berkshire Hills' Thursday Night Women's League's 3-club tournament. Players were allowed to carry just three golf clubs for the competition. Lil DeRocca took low net honors with a 30.

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GOLF TOURNAMENTS: Al Dezieck shot a 134 low net to win the 36-hole President's Cup championship at Wyantenuck.

Joe Stanton was second with a 133, while Steve Ross finished another stroke back at 134.

Bill King had low gross and won the seniors' championship with a 73-74—134.

Petie Robinson and Pat Ryan teamed up to shoot a 70 and win the low gross championship in the Wyantenuck women's member-guest point tournament.

Dot Conklin and Ellie Persip were second with a 74.

Two teams — the combination of Sarah Pulhemus and Jean Piegza and the tandem of Betsy Pearson and Bea Loester — tied for first in net play with 52 points apiece.



Mark Mitchell

THE GIANTS finished the season with a 6-0 record, winning the Pittsfield Junior Football League for the second straight year. Team members are, from left to right: BOTTOM ROW — Pete DiTomasso, Marty Streit, Mark Nykorchuk, Bob Dearstyne, Dave Decelles, Bill Hines, Armand Borden, John DiNicola, Tim Furrow and Gary Swain. SECOND ROW — Pat Fallon, Chuck Murphy, Jeff Astore, Ed Nicholson, Mark Vincent, Todd Wojtkowski, Ritchie Gaviorno, Dave Kirchner, Jay DiCicco, Mike Tierney and Bob Duzlak. THIRD ROW — Lonny Martini, Mike Laurin, Mike Mayberry, Ken VanBramer, Dave Eddy, Scott Hunter, Dean Martin, Eric Ouelette, Neale Martini and Marty Mayberry. FOURTH ROW — Bob Scott, Jeremy Sheehan, Chris Honiker, Bob Grady, Mike Penna, Todd Eddy, Cliff Harris, Mike Ouelette and Lawrence McCray. FOURTH ROW — Bob Garceau, Eddie Murray, Steve Wicker, Eric Swanson, Mike Bolduc, Andy Placido and Jeremy Harper. The coaches are, from left to right, Brian Stewart, Armand Borden, Bill Marcel, Mike Astore and Pedro Astore.

Area sports

Giants wrap up unbeaten season in junior grid loop

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Giants finished their season with a perfect 6-0 record to win the Pittsfield Junior Football League championship.

The Giants, which also won the league crown last year, downed the Lions 12-8 on Sunday in their season finale. Dave Decelles scored on a 20-yard run four minutes into the fourth quarter to give them their come-from-behind victory.

Eariler Scott Stone had given the Lions the lead when he scored on a 7-yard run while Don Dufour rushed over for the two-point conversion. But the Giants pulled to within 8-6 when quarterback Mark Nykorchuck hit Armand Borden on a 37-yard touchdown pass, and that set the stage for Decelles's game-winning TD run in the final period.

In Sunday's other game, the Rams rolled to an easy 40-0 win over Browns.

Tom McKnight scored four touchdowns for the Rams, on runs of 17, 20, 52 and 88 yards. He also threw a pair of touchdown passes, hitting Steve Godinho on a 20-yard scoring strike and throwing a 30-yard TD toss to Dan Schilling. Chris DiCicco and Mitch McKnight each added a two-point conversion.

The Lions and Rams both finished with records of 3-3, while the Browns wound up with an 0-6 mark.

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Area sports

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Giants, Lions blank foes

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Giants and Lions scored shutout wins yesterday in Junior Football League games at Wahconah Park.

Tim Furrow scored on touchdown runs of 18 and 13 yards and set up a third touchdown with a 35-yard jaunt to lead the Giants to an 18-0 win over the Rams. Mark Nykorchuck had the other Giants' touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback keeper.

Scott Stone was the hero in the Lions' 44-0 win over the Browns, scoring four touchdowns on runs of one yard and 45, 42 and 25 yards. Don Dufour scored a 35-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion, and Brian Puntin, Tony Puntin and Mark Taglieri scored two-point conversions.

Defensive standouts were Marty Streit of the Giants, Darren Behan of the Rams, Todd Tuggey of the Browns and Brian Puntin of the Lions.

field State College women's team to a 5-3 victory over Framingham State Saturday. Westfield is now 3-3.

Area sports

OCT 19 1982

Giants, Lions blank foes

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Giants and Lions both posted shutout victories Sunday in Junior Football League games at Wahconah Park.

Tim Furrow scored two touchdowns, including a 63-yard run on the first play from scrimmage, to lift the Giants to their fifth straight win, 55-0 over the Browns. Mark Nykorchuk threw scoring passes of 60 yards to Chuck Murphy and 34 yards to Bill Hines. Marty Streit, Gary Swain and Dave Decelles scored the other touchdowns, Hines added two two-point conversions and Decelles had three conversions.

Tony Puntin scored one touchdown and passed for another as the Lions blanked the Rams 14-0. Don Dufour got the Lions on the scoreboard when he grabbed a 35-yard touchdown pass from Puntin. Scott Stone added a two-point conversion.

Defensive standouts were John DiNicola of the Giants, John Kalill of the Browns, Mike Hall of the Rams and Todd Drury of the Lions.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The unbeaten Giants raised their record to 3-0 in the Pittsfield Junior Football League yesterday by rolling to a 36-0 win over the Lions at Wahconah Park.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Rams hiked their record to 2-1 by downing the Browns 26-0. The Lions are 1-2, and the Browns have an 0-3 mark.

Mark Nykorchuck threw touchdown passes of 38 and 34 yards to spark the Giants to their third straight victory. Tim Furrow scored on runs of 18 and five yards, while Chuck Murphy caught two touchdown passes and added a two-point conversion. Dave Decelles added the final Giant touchdown when he scored on a sweep from two yards out.

Tom McKnight scored one touchdown and passed for another to lead the Rams. Rob Gaucher also scored a pair of touchdowns, one on a 16-yard pass play. Leo Ruberto added the final Ram score on a 23-yard sweep.

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10 Years Ago

Dr. Raymond R. Brinker, a Great Barrington chiropractor, was elected president of the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce.

Joe Murphy and Mark Sheran were recipients of trophies for outstanding play in the Pittsfield Junior Football League at the league's annual dinner at the Highland Restaurant.

Mrs. Evette F. Giftos was named marketing director and Walter F. Urban Jr., vice president and treasurer of Union Federal Savings & Loan Association. Mrs. Giftos was also a vice president.

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Area sports

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Little League schedules registration

LITTLE LEAGUE: Registration for the four Pittsfield Little Leagues will begin Saturday at four locations. Saturday registration will be from 10 to noon. There will be registration Monday night from 6 to 8.

Candidates for the North League will report to Peck's Road Fire Station, for the South League to Deming Field, for the East League to the Somerset Avenue Fire Station and for the West League to the West Housatonic Street fire station.

Any local youngster who will be at least 9 years old on or before Aug. 1 and will not be 13 on or before the same date will be eligible to register and try out for Little League. Each player will be assessed $5 to help defray the expenses of conducting the league.

The season will start May 16 and the city playoffs will begin Aug. 3. The annual Little League candy sale has been scheduled for Sunday, June 6.

The boundaries for the four leagues are as follows:

NORTH LEAGUE:
From Lanesboro town line at a point east of and including Murray Street. South, east of and including Clark's Road and Lafayette Street to the east boundary of Springside Park. East of and including Grove Street and Winter Street. East of and including Fourth Street to East Street. West to North Street including north side of East Street. North to Linden Street including east side of North Street. West, south of and including Linden Street to a point south of Cascade Street on Hancock town line.

EAST LEAGUE:
From Lanesboro town line at a point east of but not including Murray Street. South, east of but not including Clark's Road and Lafayette Street. West of and including Brown Street. East of but not including Fourth Street to East Street. East including north side of East Street to Junction Road then South and East along Brattle Brook to Dalton town line.

SOUTH LEAGUE:
From Dalton town line, West and North, along Brattle Brook to Junction Road. West including south side of East Street to Pomeroy Avenue. South, east of but not including Pomeroy Avenue to Holmes Road. South from Pomeroy Avenue east of but not including Holmes Road to N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. South along R.R. to Lenox town line.

WEST LEAGUE:
From Hancock town line at a point south of Cascade Street, but not including Cascade Street. East, south of but not including Linden Street to North Street. South including west side of North Street to East Street. East including south side of East Street to Pomeroy Avenue. South, east of and including Pomeroy Avenue to Holmes Road. South from Pomeroy Avenue east of and including Holmes Road to N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R. South along R.R. to Lenox town line.

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: The Minor League of Pittsfield youth baseball program will conduct registration for the 1982 season this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and on Monday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at various locations throughout the city.

Players seeking to play in the East League should register at the Somerset Avenue fire station, those in the West League may sign up at the West Housatonic Street fire station, North Division players are asked to register at the Peck's Road fire station, and those in the South League should register at Deming Field.

The program is open to all boys and girls who have reached their eighth birthday but have not turned 13 by August 1, 1982. All youngsters must show a birth certificate at registration.

This year, the league will charge each youngster a fee of $3 to help defray the cost of equipment. That fee may be paid to the team manager after the youngster is assigned to a team.

Tryouts will be scheduled at a later date. All youngsters who register, however, will be placed on a team.

The league also has openings for team managers, coaches and umpires. For further information, questions may be addressed to the following league officials: East League — Vic Ostellino; West League — Bill Munn; North League — Tom Wilczewski; South League — Jack Sheldon.

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UMPIRES' MEETINGS: The first of five meetings for prospective Berkshire Ccounty high school baseball umpires will be Friday at 6 p.m. at the Pittsfield Boys' Club library. Rules interpreter Ed Ladley will conduct the meeting. New umpires must attend at least three of the meetings to be able to attend the interpretation meeting scheduled April 14.

The final meeting for prospective ASA high school softball umpires will be tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Boys' Club, Ladley said. The interpretation meeting will be Sunday.

jump shots and dribbling. Pat Duquette represented the Youth Center in the junior varsity division and finished second, just 1.6 out of first place.

In the Northeast Regional Junior Pro Basketball Tournament, Dalton's all-star team was defeated 56-36 in the semifinals by eventual tournament winner Roxbury. Teams from each of the six New England states competed in the tournament.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: Registration for the Pittsfield South Little League will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and on Monday night from 6 to 7:30.

Both registration sessions will be held at the South League's home field, Deming Field. Birth certificates will be required upon registration.

The South League has also announced its slate of officers for the coming season. Ed Sherman is president, Michael Cook is first vice president and Margaret Risley is second vice president, Maureen Savolis is secertary, Shirley DiNicola is treasurer, David Kearns is players' agent, and Ed Barzottini is the safety officer.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: The Pittsfield South Little League will hold tryouts tomorrow morning starting at 11 at Deming Field.

Any youngster who has not signed up for the league but wants to try out may still register at the tryouts tomorrow. There is no registration fee charged at either registration of tryout sessions.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: The Pittsfield Little League baseball program will conduct its final registration session tonight from 6 to 8 at four locations.

North League registration is at the Peck's Road fire station; South League at Deming Field; West League at the West Housatonic Street fire station; and East League at the Somerset Avenue fire station.

Registration is $5, and is open to anyone who will be at least nine years old by Aug. 1, and who will not have reached 13 by the same date.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: The East Little League will hold an additional registration tomorrow morning from 10 to 12 at the Somerset Avenue Fire Station. The session is for anyone interested in playing, who missed last week's registration.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: The West Little League tryouts scheduled for this Saturday have been postponed due to the snow and cold weather.

The league is now scheduled to begin its tryouts Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, at the Clapp Park Little League field.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: The Pittsfield North Little League will hold an organizational meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the Parks Department Offices on Upper North Street.

Anyone interested in helping the league this year in any capacity is asked to attend. The league is especially looking for an adult to serve as a secretary and as a safety officer.

League tryouts will be held both Saturday and Sunday at the Brown Street Field. All players who register should attend tryouts those days at the following times: 9-year-olds, 9:30 a.m.; 10-year-olds, 11 a.m., 11-year-olds, 1 p.m.; and 12-year-olds, 2:30 p.m.

Anyone who missed the original registration sessions may also sign up at the field on the days of the tryouts.

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LEGION BASEBALL: An American Legion baseball meeting has been scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 at the Dalton American Legion home, District 1 Chairman Ralph Colvin has announced. The schedule for the 1982 season will be distributed and any schedule changes will be made.

The 1982 rule books and roster sheets will be handed out to Berkshire County team representatives.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: The North Little League has selected 27 new players for the 1982 season. Teams and their picks are:

Fire Dept. — Bob Sinico, Eric Keegan and Mike Wilk.

Quality Printing — Dick Langlois, Cliff Harris, Bob Garceau, Mark Ferdyn, Jeremy Squires and Ray Butler.

Colt Insurance — Neil Sprague, Todd Eddy, Shaun Weigand, Eric Sprague and Jennifer Klahn.

Police Dept. — Mark Krzysztof, Josh Tobin, Kim Leighton and Scott Turner.

Dave's Sporting Goods — Mike Brunell, Mike Tierney, Marco Scalise and John Passier.

Elks — Dave Eddy, Dan Roy, Dean Demary, Scott Hunter and Marc Taylor.

The North Little League need umpires for the coming season. Anyone interested can obtain information from league president Don Gleason, 66 Wilson St., or vice president Stan Greenleaf, 283 First St.

The East Little League has selected 36 new players for the 1982 season. The new players, their teams and their managers are as follows:

Besse Clark — Curt Blake, Randy Bonito, Joe Botz, Matt Lowe, Pat O'Hagerty and Tom Viale. Manager: Mike Cassinelli.

Burger Chef: David Apple, Todd Beals, Steve Johnson, Jim Keefner, Steve Renderman, John Shultis, Marc Tropeano, John Tynan. Manager: Mike Toner.

G.E. Credit Union: Matt Carnevale, Scott Grady and Shaun Kirby. Manager: Steve DeVergilio.

Moldmaster: Daniel Armstrong, Douglas Armstrong, Tim Heath, Peter Lalor, Monoo Singh, Chad Smith, Billy White and James Wood. Manager: Mike Grogan.

North East Carpets: Kevin Barnes, Joe Bishop, Marc Chenail, Mike Hamilton, Tom Sloan, Daniel Stracuzzi and Donald Tinney. Manager: Mike Gilardi.

Pittsfield Pipers: Kris Knutson, Mike Maddalena, Jeff Russo and Steven Sulock. Manager: Mickey Mazza.

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LITTLE LEAGUERS line up at Springside Park Sunday for tryouts.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: The Pittsfield West Little League has selected a total of 31 new players to play in the league this season. The new players and their teams are as follows:

ITAM LODGE: Tony Balardini, Nathaniel Brown, Ben Matthew.

JIMMY'S RESTAURANT: Bernie Godfrey, Shaun Godfrey, Tommy Harper, Michael Harper, Gregory Sukiennik, Mark Sowalski, Matt Webster, Scott Winters.

CONNOR PHARMACY: David Chalupa, Robert Fabino, Michael Sukiennik.

EAGLES: Bruce Bailey, Andy Greenlaw, Billy Puia, Michael Puia, Ricky Russo.

NORM'S VARIETY: Jamie Greenlaw, Chris Miceli, Mike O'Toole, Dennis Shaw, Kevin Ross.

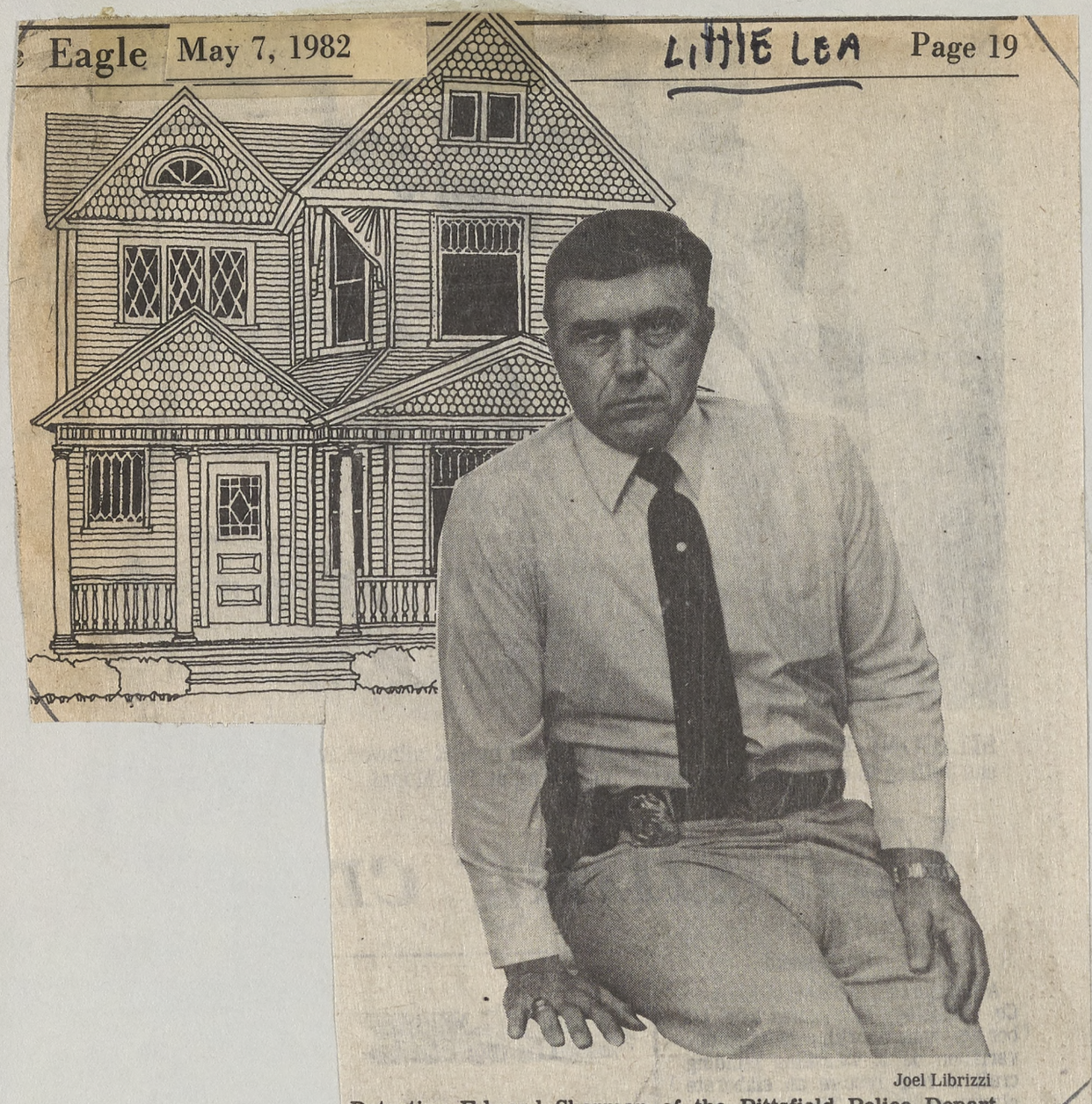
BAY STATE RESTORATION: Billy Ahearn, Jay Boland, Joe Carr, Geoff Dubiski.

CIVITAN: Chris Ardia, Brian Griffin, Erik Reddington.

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Joel Librizzi

Detective Edward Sherman of the Pittsfield Police Department's Crime Prevention Bureau can provide information on making your house secure against theft.

10 Years Ago

J. Dickson Root of Eaton Paper Co. was installed president of the Berkshire Management Club. He succeeded Cyrus A. Henry Jr. of Berkshire Life Insurance Co.

Pittsfield's city councilmen indicated they didn't want girls playing Little League ball and displayed mixed emotions about playing ball with Mary L. Murphy on women's titles. With all 10 councilmen voting against Ms. Murphy, the sole woman on the Council, her move for Council support of girls in Little League was killed outright.

May 10, 1982

Little Leagues open seasons tomorrow

May 15, 1982

After some four weeks of tryouts and team practices, Pittsfield's four Little Leagues will swing into action tomorrow with gala ceremonies and opening-day games scheduled for all four city Little League sites.

In the South League at Deming Field, Mayor Charles Smith will be joined by a representative of the league's new sponsor, Burger King, in throwing out the first ball, with ceremonies set to start at noon. The South loop, the biggest of the city's four leagues, with a total of 10 teams, will also start the season with three games.

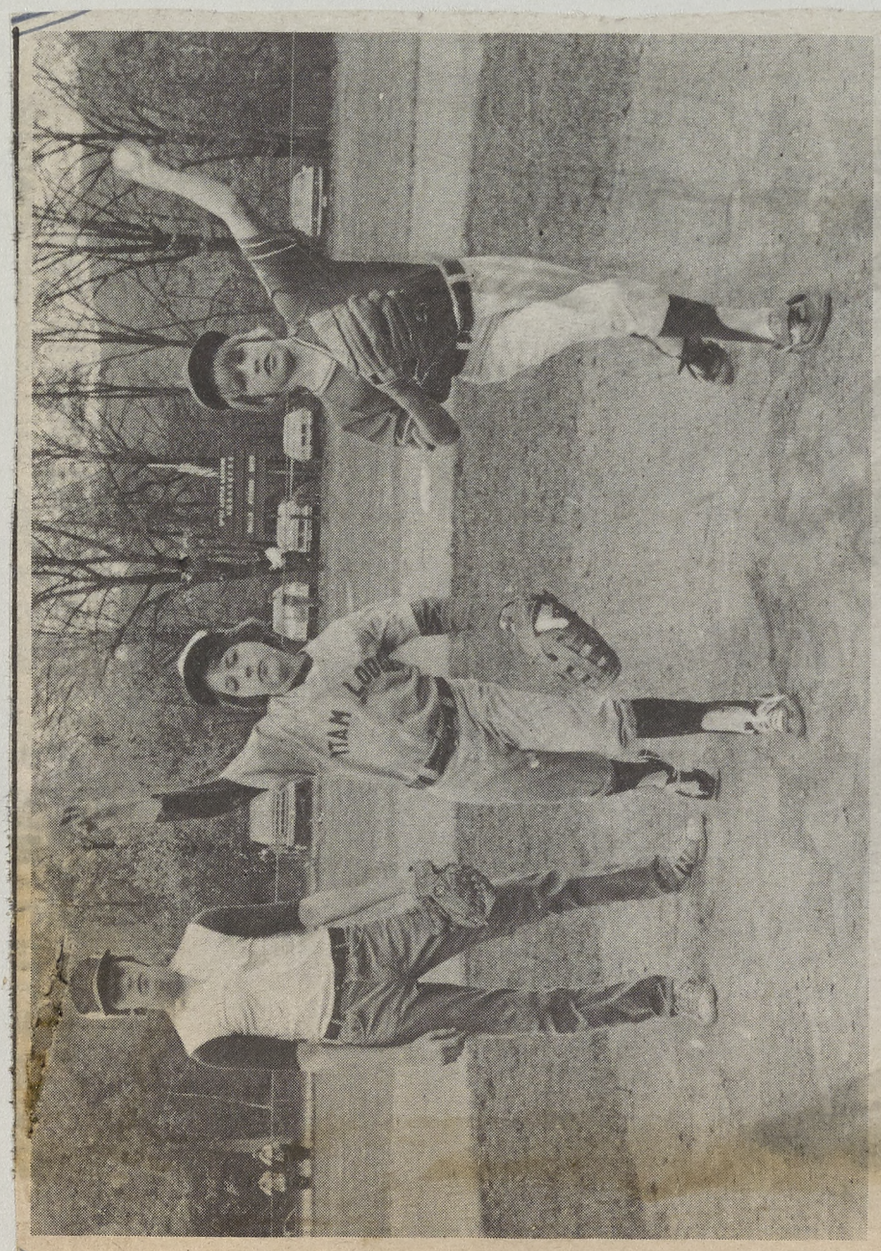
The Italian-American Club will meet Evergreen Realty at 1 p.m., Tank Shop will play City Savings Bank at 3, and Burger King will go against East Side Pizza at 5.

West League

The West League will open its season with two games at the Clapp Park Little League diamond. Itam Lodge and the Eagles will get things under way at 1, with a game between Bay State Restoration and Connor Pharmacy to follow at 3. Opening ceremonies there will begin at 12:15, with Danny Martin, a 13-year-old graduate of the West League and the winner of the league's Theron Goodrich Memorial Award last year, throwing out the first ball.

Tyler Aces' American Legion coach Dan Caritey will speak and throw out the first ball in ceremonies for the North League opening at the Brown Street Field. Ceremonies there will be between the first and second games of a triple-header. The Elks and Colt Insurance will start the season at 11:30 a.m., with the Police Department and Quality Printing playing at 1:30 and a game between the Fire Department and Dave's Sporting Goods wrapping up the day at 3:30.

In the East League, Pittsfield High infielder Sean McMahon, a former East Little League player, will throw out the first ball to highlight ceremonies that are scheduled to start at noon. GE Credit Union will then meet Northeast Carpets in the season opener at 1, with a game between Besse-Clarke and Burger Chef to follow at 3. The East League's Burger Chef team is the defending city champion.



Mark Mitchell

OPENING-DAY PITCHERS in the West Little League at Clapp Park yesterday included Brud Weigand of Itam Lodge and John Gray, right, of the Eagles. At left is Danny Martin,

Little Leaguers off and running

May 17, 1982

North, South, East and West — all around the town — Pittsfield kids were playing Little League baseball yesterday as the city's four leagues opened with a total of 10 games.

Local personalities ranging from Mayor Charles Smith to 13-year-old Danny Martin threw out the first ball in Opening Day cermmonies. Smith participated in the opening ceremonies for the South League at Deming Field, while Martin, the West Little League's Theron Goodrich Memorial sportsmanship award winner last season, tossed out the ceremonial first pitch at Clapp Park.

In West League play at Clapp, Brud Weigand threw a six-hitter as Itam Lodge downed the Eagles 6-3 in the season opener, while, in the second game, Scott McCann had two singles, a double and a home run to lead Connor Pharmacy to a 13-5 triumph over Bay State Restorations.

There were three games in the South League at Deming, where Mike Weber drove in four runs with a pair of singles and Paul Bowlby had two singles and a double to lead the Italian-American Club toa 7-5 opening win over Evergreen Realty. In other South games, Tom Sykes had a triple and two singles to lead City Savings Bank to a 9-4 win over the Tank Shop, while Chris Handy's RBI double helped spark East Side Pizza to a 9-7 victory over Burger King — the league's newest team.

Defending champs win

Up at the East League's Benedict Road Field, Danny Cerveira had a single, double and a triple as defending city champion Burger Chef downed Besse-Clarke 12-5, while David Reilly pitched a five-hitter and belted a single and triple to lead GE Credit Union to a 7-1 win over Northeast Carpets.

Mark Taglieri had two singles and a home run as the Elks topped Colt Insurance 12-2 in the North League opener at the Brown Street Field. Rick Wendling had three hits for the Colts.

In other North League play, John Bassi hurled a three-hitter as Fire Department — an 0-20 team a year ago — opened the 1982 campaign with an 8-5 win over Dave's Sporting Goods, and Marty Mayberry had three hits to pace the Police Department to a 10-9 triumph over Quality Printing.

Little League

Burger Chef nipped G.E. Credit Union 4-3 in an extra-inning Eastern League game last night. Eric Taylor drilled a double down the right field line in the seventh inning to drive in the winning run. Glenn Gilbert had put the Credit Union ahead 3-2 with a three-run homer in the third inning.

Jamie Estoldi was the winning pitcher in relief. In four innings he fanned six and gave up two hits. Robbie Coco pitched the seventh inning and was charged with the loss.

Monday night the Pittsfield Pipers rolled to a 19-3 win over Moldmaster. Michael Laundry was the winning pitcher.

Mike Caparella led the Pipers with two singles and two doubles and drove in five runs. Scott Blanchette had a double, which was half of the Moldmaster hits. The game was halted after 4½ innings because of the 15-run rule.

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Little League

Jim White belted a triple, two singles and had two RBI while Mike Lamoreaux had a pair of doubles as Warner Amex downed Teo's 12-9 in a South League slugfest at Deming Field. Steve Alibozek had two singles and a triple and Matt Scarafoni and Gary Soldato each had three hits for Teo's.

In other South games, Rob Mole had three hits and Kevin French drove in three runs with a single and two doubles as Stevenson Insurance edged Virgilio's 6-5. David Christopolis had a pair of doubles for Virgilio's.

John DiNicola picked up the pitching win and Keith Podavini and Marc Hoffmeister banged out doubles as City Savings Bank edged the Italian-American Club 2-1. John Critelli's RBI double produced the only run for the Italian-American Club.

Pitcher Steve Alibozek struck out 12, J.T. Carroll had three hits and Matt Scarafoni added a pair of singles as Teo's topped Virgilio's 6-3. David Christopolis had a single, double and triple and John Hinkell had two hits for the losers.

Scott Shultz drove in three runs and Mark Wolcott had two RBI as Warner Amex downed Burger King 14-12 in a wild game called at the end of 4½ innings because of darkness. Dave Levardi had three hits for Burger King.

Jason Anthony was the winning pitcher while Jim White and Scott Schultz each had RBI hits as Warner Amex edged East Side Pizza 8-6. Chris Handy had two hits and four RBI and Ed Sherman had a double and a triple for East Side.

MAY 29 1982

Little League

Northeast Carpets blanked Moldmaster 9-0 in East League action. Tom Sloan led the winning attack with a single and double and three runs batted in. Steve Yuill doubled for the losers. Phil Heidel was the winning pitcher on a two-hitter and Scott Blanchette was the loser.

GE turned back Besse-Clarke 17-9. The game was close until the last inning when GE scored nine runs and Besse's six. Robbie Coco paced the winners with three singles and three RBI and John DeMattia had two singles and three RBI. Tom Viale paced Besse's with two singles and a double and three RBI.

The Pittsfield Pipers rolled past Burger Chef 18-2. Michael Laundry drove in three runs while rapping out two doubles and two singles. Mike Capparella had two doubles and a single and two RBI. Capparella and Gary Miles shared the Pipers' pitching.

JUN 2 1982

Little League

A five-run second inning carried Moldmaster to a 7-3 win over GE Credit Union in an East League game Sunday. The big blow was a three-run double by Dave Symanowicz. Winning pitcher Scott Blanchette fired a five-hitter and fanned eight. Loser Glenn Gilbert pitched a three-hitter and struck out 13.

Moldmaster's Todd Dory hit a triple and Brian Levy of the Credit Union had a pair of singles and an RBI.

Northeast Carpets downed Burger Chef 12-6 Sunday. Phil Heidel went the distance to get the pitching win with a six-hitter. He fanned 10. Joe Bishop helped the winning cause with two singles and an RBI and Steven Little had a pair of safeties. Randy Kinnas had a single and double and Danny Cerveria two singles for Burger Chef.

Northeast Carpets lost 5-3 to Besse-Clarke Friday. Besse's broke a 3-3 tie in the last of the fifth when Eric Bongini cracked a RBI double. He also had a single and Shaun Thronton had two singles. Pat Mitchell drove in a run for Northeast Carpets with a double. Besse pitcher Tim Viale was making his first start and went the distance.

JUN 4 1982



Susan Plagemar

FIRST PURCHASE in the annual Pittsfield Little League candy sale came last night when Ric Belair of the Marina's Pizzaria softball team bought this bar from Little Leaguer Eddie Sherman of the South Little League's East Side Pizza team before the game at the Berkshire County Softball Complex. The annual door-to-door sale will begin in earnest Sunday at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Pittsfield Little Leagues.

JUN 4 1982

Little League results

Jerry Arace was the winning pitcher and had a home run and single to lead Burger King to a 9-3 win over Virgilio's Construction in a South Little League game at Deming Field.

Chris Kearns had a double and a single and John Hinkell had two singles for Virgilio's.

In other South League action, Mike Webber had a double, two singles and four RBI and Shaun Raynor drove in two runs with two singles and a triple as the Italian-American Club rolled to a 17-3 win over Tank Shop. Paul Bowlby was the winning pitcher.

Ryan McQueeney was the winning pitcher and Steve Karp banged out two hits as Evergreen Realty downed Stevenson Insurance 6-2, while Ed Sherman was the winning hurler and Matt Risley banged out a two-run double to spark East Side Pizza to a 4-1 win over Teo's. Steve Alibozek struck out 11 in a losing mound effort for Teo's.

Winning pitcher Chris Diehl had a triple and a single and Paul Sparks had a single and a double as Evergreen Realty downed Virgilio's 13-4. David Christopolis had a single and a triple for Virgilio's.

Chris Handy drove in four runs with four singles and a double and Matt Risley added a triple and a pair of singles as East Side Pizza crushed Tank Shop 24-6, while John DiNicola had two home runs, a single and four RBI as City Savings Bank downed Warner Cable 12-3. Mark Wolcott and Jeff Luchenburg each had two hits for Warner Cable.

Chris Diehl was the winning pitcher and Chris Patti banged out a pair of doubles as Evergreen Realty edged Tank Shop 5-4, while Gary Soldato had a triple and three singles to help lead Teo's to a wild 14-8 win over Stevenson Insurance. J.T. Carroll was the winning pitcher.

Rob Grady hurled the shutout and Chris Handy had two hits as East Side Pizza blanked Stevenson's 12-0. Grady had a no-hitter going until the final inning but lost that bid on a triple by Eric Gardzina.

Tim Sykes had a pair of singles and John DiNicola picked up the pitching win as City Savings Bank nipped Burger King 6-5. Jim Zitter had a pair of doubles for Burger King.

Gary Soldato had a two-run double and Steve Alibozek was the winning pitcher as Teo's topped the Italian-American Club 8-3.

Gary Miles pitched a no-hitter for the Pittsfield Pipers Tuesday as his team walloped Besse-Clarke 17-1 in the East League. The batting star for the Pipers was Mike Caparella who hit three home runs including a grand slam and drove in a total of seven runs.

The Pipers won 6-2 Monday over GE. Mike Laundry and Caparella collaborated on a four-hit pitching job. Caparella and Mike Maddatena of the Pipers and Robbie Coco of GE had two singles apiece.

Also Monday Burger Chef turned back Moldmaster 9-5 in an eight-inning clash. Burger Chef scored four runs in the eighth. Don Borgo had a double and single and RBI and led off the eighth with a hit. Billy White had a two-bagger and two RBI for Moldmaster. Jamie Esoldi was the winning pitcher in relief.

JUN 7 1982

Little League

Mark Taglieri was the winning pitcher and Mike Brasie banged out three hits as the Elks edged Dave's Sporting Goods 8-7 in a North Little League game at the Brown Street field.

Jim Salvie and Russ Gates had two hits apiece for Dave's.

In other North League action, Marty Mayberry pounded out four hits and Jon Carmon was the winning pitcher as the Police Department downed Colt Insurance 15-5. Eric Sprague and Scott McCauley had two hits apiece for Colt.

Eric Carlson picked up the pitching win and Anton Kaufer ripped three hits as the Fire Department edged Colt Insurance 8-7, while Russ Gates had five hits and Glenn Sime was the mound winner as Dave's Sporting Goods topped the Fire Department 15-2.

Winning pitcher Mike Brasie helped his own cause with three hits as the Elks tpped Colt Insurance 11-2, while Jon Carmon was the winning hurler and Bill Nason had three hits as the Police Department downed Quality Printing by a 10-8 count. Brian Wilk had four hits for Quality Printing.

LITTLE LEAGUE

JUN 9 1982

Bankers to honor Det. Sherman for role in crime investigations

Pittsfield Police Detective Edward A. Sherman has been selected by the Massachusetts Bankers Association to receive its annual award for outstanding work in bank crime investigation. He will be one of three to receive the award this year.

Sherman's selection was announced in Boston by James H. Rice, chairman of the bankers' group.

The Pittsfield officer will be presented a citation and $500 in cash by the bankers at a luncheon later this month in Pittsfield.

Sherman was nominated for the award by Police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz for his work in helping to solve a bank robbery in 1981, his efforts in assisting local banks improve their security programs, his establishment of a Neighborhood Crime Watch program in Pittsfield and the institution of new systems to cut down on welfare check fraud cases and larceny by check cases.

The nomination was supported by area banks, and Sherman emerged as one of three statewide winners who had been selected by a panel composed of bankers, law enforcement officers and other community leaders.



Joel Librizzi

Edward A. Sherman

Check fraud

Sherman's major contribution to the banking community was a suggested system for handling the many welfare check fraud cases that had been plaguing banks for years.

Police explained that the state Welfare Department's system required only that a person report by telephone that a check was stolen or lost before a new one would be issued in its place.

Banks, which had been forced to absorb losses when cashing these checks, had attempted to curtail the losses by refusing to cash checks for non-customers. However, the state treasurer's office convinced the banks they should "honor their civic obligation" by cashing all checks.

Police contended that a majority of the checks had not been stolen or lost but were being cashed by their rightful owners who then reported them stolen.

Under Sherman's plan, people reporting lost or stolen Welfare Department checks must now report directly to the Welfare Department, fill out a form and report to the police station.

After being interviewed by detectives, the individual is required to bring the form back to the Welfare Department.

Stankiewicz said the system apparently has deterred many from falsely reporting missing checks.

Pinpoint time

Sherman also suggested that bank tellers now put the time of day on the back of a check when the check is offered for cashing.

This allows investigators to pinpoint the check casher on the banks' surveillance systems.

According to police, of the 300 cases of larceny by check investigated in 1981 and part of 1982, 75 percent have resulted in formal complaints and restitution has been made.

This system allowed police this year to arrest a Vermont man for a larceny by check charge in Pittsfield.

It turned out that the man was wanted by Vermont and New York state officials for similar charges.

Sherman, who has been a member of the force for 16 years, is the department's crime prevention specialist, and in addition to setting up Neighborhood Crime Watch programs, has lectured extensively in other communities on methods for deterring crime.

He is vice president of the Western Massachusetts Crime Prevention Officers Association.

JUN 14 1982

Little League results

Mark McKenna had two hits and winning pitcher Mike Lasher helped his own cause with two hits and two RBI's as Itam downed Jimmy's Restaurant 12-10 in a West League game at Clapp Park.

Winning pitcher John Gray also helped his team's attack with a pair of hits and Pete Ochs had a two-run double as the Eagles topped Connor Pharmacy 5-3. Vincent Symanski had three hits for Connor's.

Kip Steinman was the winning pitcher and Pete Garivaltis banged out two hits as Jimmy's Restaurant downed Connor Pharmacy 12-9. Scott McCann homered for the losers.

Paul Brindle had two doubles and a triple and John Wlodkowski had a pair of singles as Bay State Restorations scored an 11-1 win over Itam, while winning pitcher Charlie Holmes recorded 17 strikeouts and Shaun Stannard had two hits as Civitan edged Norm's Variety Store 6-5. Jeff Carmel homered for the losers.

Paul Brindle was the winning pitcher and banged out a triple to help spark Bay State Restorations to a 9-1 win over Norm's. Jeff Skowron had two hits for Norm's.

North League

In the North Little League at the Brown Street Field, Paul LeSage had two hits and Rich Wendling was the winning pitcher as Colt Insurance downed the Fire Department 11-8. Eric Carlson had three hits for the Firemen.

Winning pitcher Mike Brasie helped his own cause with two hits as the Elks downed Quality Printing 7-0. Brian Wich had two hits for the Printers.

Jim Salvie banged out three hits and Glenn Sime picked up the pitching win as Dave's Sporting Goods topped Colt Insurance 7-5, and Salvie also had three hits as Dave's downed Quality Printing 14-1. Pitcher Russ Gates gained credit for the mound win.

Mark Taglieri pitched a one-hit shutout and racked up 14 strikeouts as the Elks blanked the Police Departmenf 8-0. Taglieri also belted a two-run homer, while Marty Mayberry spoiled Taglieri's no-hit bid with a single in the fifth inning.

Scott Halkowicz had three hits and Eric Carlson was the winning pitcher as the Fire Department nipped the Police Department 12-11. Losing pitcher Marty Mayberry had three hits for the Police.

John Conuel pitched a three-hitter and John Gray delivered a two-run single as Eagles downed Norm's Variety Store 5-3 in West Little League action at Clapp Park.

In other West League games, Scott McCann pitched a four-hitter and banged out two hits at the plate to spark Connor Pharmacy to a 10-3 win over Itam Lodge. David Rock and Paul Culpo each added two hits for Connor's while Nathaniel Brown drove in two runs for Itam.

Winning pitcher Mike Mazzeo struck out 14 and Steve Kotski banged out a pair of hits as Civitan edged Itam by a 6-5 score. Tommy Lusignan drove in a pair of runs for Itam.

Winning pitcher Charlie Holmes helped his own cause with a home run and Eric Layden banged out two hits as Civitan downed Connor Pharmacy 7-3, while Mike Mazzeo struck out 16 and Layden delivered a two-run single to spark Civitan to a 6-3 win over the Eagles.

David Kirchner was the winning pitcher as Jimmy's Restaurant downed Bay State Restorations 7-3.

JUN 10 1982

Little League

Mike Caparella and Mike Laundry collaborated on a two-hitter as their Pittsfield Pipers team blanked Moldmaster 13-0 last night in an East League game. Anthony Costanzo was the Pipers' hitting star with two singles and a double.

GE Credit Union topped Besse-Clarke 10-2 in an East contest Tuesday. Winning pitcher Dave Reilly fired a one-hitter and fanned 10. A two-run triple by Eric Bongini in the first inning was Besse's lone hit. Mike Grady had two singles for the Credit Union. Tom Viale was the losing pitcher.

JUN 16 1982

Little League

Northeast Carpets rolled over Besse-Clarke 11-5 in East League play. Mike Hamilton was credited with his first mound victory and Tom Viale was the loser. Shane Powers paced Northeast Carpets with a double and single. Matt Lowe had two singles for Besse's.

Besse's won 5-2 over Burger Chef last week and Burger Chef beat Northeast Carpets 12-8. Winning pitcher Viale belted a two-run homer and pitched two-hit ball in a three-inning stint. Jamie Esoldi and Don Borgo had the Burger Chef safeties. Randy Kinnas was the losing hurler.

Esoldi pitched the win over Carpets and sparked his club offensively with three hits. Burger Chef took the triumph with a six-run sixth-inning rally. Tom Sloan homered for the losers and Steve Little belted three doubles. Phil Heidel took the mound loss.

JUN 17 1982

Little League

Burger Chef topped Moldmaster 5-3 in an East League contest this week behind the three-hit pitching of Jamie Esoldi. He struck out nine. Losing pitcher Jimmy O'Brien pitched a strong game, giving up just five hits.

Burger Chef's Dan Cerveira with two singles was the only player in the game with more than one hit. The Pittsfield Pipers rolled to a 22-4 victory over GE Credit Union. The Pipers exploded for nine runs in the first inning. Mike Caparella led the winning offense with a home run and double and five runs batted in. Chad Mazza banged out a triple and double and had three RBI. Losing pitcher Glenn Gilbert had two doubles. Mike Laundry was the winning hurler.

JUN 18 1982

Little League

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JUN 18 1982

Little League results

Chip Schnakenberg had two singles, two doubles and drove in five runs as Virgilio's Construction downed Warner Amex 16-7 in a South Little League game at Deming Field.

Brendon Phair added two doubles and three RBI while Bryan Larson contributed a single, double and two RBI for the winners. Mark Wolcott's RBI triple was the big hit of the game for Warner Amex.

In other South action, Chris Handy's RBI double helped spark East Side Pizza to a 7-5 win over City Savings Bank, while David Barzottini had a double and a triple and Dominic Levardi banged out two singles and had two RBI as Burger King edged Evergreen Realty 6-5 in seven innings.

Jeff Renzi was the winning pitcher and helped his own cause with an RBI double as Tank Shop downed Stevenson Insurance 8-3, while Matt Joseph had three singles and Ryan McQueeney added a single, a double and two RBI in leading Evergreen Realty to a 7-4 victory over Warner Amex. Scott Schultz had a single and a double for Warner's.

Winning pitcher Mike Daury pounded out a double, a triple, two singles and four RBI in leading Burger King to an 11-4 triumph over the Italian-American Club. Scott Ziter and Jerry Arace each added three hits for the winners, while David Barzottini connected to a single and a double.

John DiNicola was the winning pitcher and Keith Podavini had a single and a double as City Savings Bank topped Evergreen Realty 4-2, while Matt Scarafoni combined for the pitching win as Teo's edged Tank Shop 6-5.

Rob Mole hurled the shutout and Eric Gardzina banged out a single and a double as Stevenson Insurance topped the Italian-American Club 3-0, while Mike Webber and Joe Duda had two hits apiece as the Italian-American Club downed Virgilio's Construction by a 9-2 count. David Christopolis had two triples for the losers.

Chistopolis also singled in the winning run and John Hinkell had a pair of hits as Virgilio's nipped City Savings Bank 8-7.

Shaun O'Donnell's RBI triple and two hits by Paul Bowlby helped carry East Side Pizza to a 3-2 triumph over the Italian-American Club.

In the West Little League at Clapp Park, John Maloney drove in two runs with a pair of hits as the Eagles downed Norm's Variety 9-5. John Gray and Bruce Bailey combined for the pitching win, while Jeff Carmel had two hits and two RBI for Norm's.

In other action, Pat Kelly had three hits and Bruce Bailey drove in the winning run with a single in the last of the seventh as the Eagles edged Baystate Restorations 4-3. Jeff Conuel was the winning pitcher.

Shaun Stannard had a pair of hits and Mike Mazzeo struck out 16 in picking up the pitching win as Civitan topped Jimmy's Restaurant 4-1. Mike Killackey's double was the big hit of the game for Jimmy's.

Pat Miller had two singles and a double and Paul Culpo picked up the pitching win as Connor Pharmacy downed Jimmy's by an 8-6 count. Anthony Gamberoni drove in a pair of runs for Jimmy's.

Little League

The Elks won three games in recent North League play. The Elks defeated Dave's 9-8, the Fire Department 5-4 and the Police Department 6-0.

Mike Brasie was the winning pitcher against Dave's. Rob Trumbull and Joe Amuso paced the Elks with three hits each. One of Amuso's hits was a home run. Jim Salvie had three hits for Dave's. Glenn Sime was the losing pitcher.

Jeremy Harper led the attack against the Fire Department team with three hits. Scott Halkowicz and John Canning had two hits each for the Firemen. Ernie Taylor was the winning pitcher and John Bassi the loser. Pete Duquette pitched the win over the Police and Mark Krzysztof took the loss.

Colt Insurance took two victories, topping the Police Department 8-0 and Quality Printing 14-13. Eric Sprague sparked Colt's against the Police with two hits. Corky Greenleaf was the winning pitcher. Jon Cannon had the only hit for the Police.

Relief hurler Dick Levine was credited with the win over Quality Printing. Paul LeSage was Colt's leading hitter with two hits. Joey DiCicco was the losing pitcher. Ron Berkley and Brian Wick had three hits each in the losing cause.

Dave's beat the Police Department 6-1. Winning pitcher Russ Gates and Glenn Sime each had two hits for Dave's. Jamie Danylin had a pair of safeties for the Police. Cannon was the losing pitcher.

The Fire Department scored a victory over Quality Printing 9-6 in eight innings. Halkowicz got the win in relief and helped his own cause with three hits. DiCicco and Berkley had two hits each for the printers.

JUN 21 1982

Little League

Brud Weigand had three hits while Mike Lasher banged out two hits and scored three runs as Itam downed Norm's Variety 11-4 in West Little League play at Clapp Park. Weigand was also the winning pitcher. Jeff Skowron had two hits for Norm's.

Chris LaValley was the winning pitcher and Billy Puia doubled in the winning run as the Eagles topped Connor Pharmacy 6-3, while Pat Marziello homered and Mike Mazzeo had a double and two singles, sparking Civitan to an 11-8 triumph over Bay State Restorations.

Winning pitcher Jeff Conuel racked up 12 strikeouts and John Maloney knocked in the winning run as the Eagles edged Civitan 2-1, while Paul Culpo hurled a three-hitter and Vinny Szymanski had a pair of hits as Connor Pharmacy hammered Norm's Variety 18-1. Robert Bair had two hits for Norm's.

JUN 24 1982

Little League results

Steve DeGregario had a triple and a single and Dave Kirchner was the winning pitcher as Jimmy's Restaurant downed the Eagles 6-3 in West Little League action at Clapp Park.

In other West League play, Charlie Holmes belted a home run and a pair of doubles in leading Civitan to an 11-3 triumph over Itam. Mike Mazzeo was the winning pitcher, while Tommy Lusignan had two RBI for Itam.

Anthony Gamberoni banged out two doubles and knocked in four runs to lead Jimmy's to a 12-1 triumph over Baystate Restorations. Winning pitcher Kip Steinman helped his own cause with a double and a triple while Gary Haight had a single and a double for Baystate.

Baystate, however, came back to beat Norm's Variety Store by an 11-2 score as Haight and Paul Brindle had two hits apiece. Robert Bair had two hits for the losers.

In North League action at the Brown Street Field, Mike Wilk had a home run, John Canning banged out a pair of hits and John Bassi was the winning pitcher as the Fire Department downed Dave's Sporting Goods 8-4. Glenn Sime had two hits for Dave's.

Winning pitcher Mark Taglieri helped his own cause by pounding out three hits as the Elks blanked Colt Insurance 4-0, while Jim Salvie and Russ Gates banged out two hits apiece to lead Dave's to a 16-2 romp over Quality Printing. Brian Wich had two hits for the Printers.

Jon Carmon was the winning pitcher and led his team's attack with three hits as the Police Department edged the Elks 9-8 — marking the Elks' first loss of the season. Bill Nason and Marty Mayberry each had two hits for the Police, while Mark Taglieri had a single and a home run for the Elks.

Mayberry, Carmon and Gary Sperlonga had two hits apiece as the Police also edged Quality Printing 11-9. Mark Krystof was the winning pitcher.

Eric Carlson picked up the win on the mound while he, Mike Wilk, Sean Keegan, and Pete Dona had two hits each, leading the Fire Department to a narrow 10-9 victory over Colt Insurance. Paul LeSage had a pair of hits for Colt.

JUN 28 1982

Little League

Pittsfield Pipers picked up a pair of wins in the East League, downing Burger Chef 8-4 and winning by an 8-1 count over Besse-Clarke.

Chad Mazza pitched a five-hitter and helped his own cause with a two-run double in the Burger Chef game. Mike Caparella homered for the Pipers, while Randy Kinnas had a triple and a single to lead Burger Chef.

Caparella also had a home run, a single and drove in three RBI in his team's win over Besse's.

Gary Milas was the winning pitcher, giving up just two hits in five innings of work.

JUN 22 1982

Little League results

JUN 29 1982

The Pittsfield Pipers exploded with all runs in the third inning to break a 4-4 tie and went on to a 22-6 East League triumph over Burger Chef. Big hitters for the Pipers were Mike Laundry with a home run and two singles and Chad Mazza and Brian LeFaive with four singles apiece. Jamie Esoldi led Burger Chef with a double and single.

Brian LeFaive was the winning pitcher and Steve Renderman was the loser.

In the East League at the Benedict Road field, Glenn Gilbert drove in four runs with a single, double and home run to lead GE Credit Union to a wild 16-15 win over Besse-Clarke. David Reilly was the winning pitcher.

Randy Kinnas had a single and a double to lead Burger Chef to a 10-6 win over Moldmaster. Jamie Esoldi was the winning pitcher, while Rick Carnevale had a single and double for Moldmaster's. Burger Chef pulled away with a seven-run third inning.

Glenn Gilbert had a grand-slam homer, three singles and drove in five runs as GE Credit Union downed Northeast Carpets by an 8-5 count. Mike Belanger also sparked the Credit Union attack with a triple and a single, while Steve Little had a single, home run and two doubles for the Carpet club.

Burger Chef scored five runs in the second inning and held on for a 5-4 win over a scrappy GE Credit Union team. The Credit Union kept pecking away but could not quite catch up.

Don Borgo had a triple for the winners. Glenn Gilbert had a solo home run and a single for the Credit Union. Steve Renderman was the winning pitcher and Robbie Coco the loser.

The standings at the end of the first half last week were: Pittsfield Pipers, 9-1; Burger Chef, 6-4; GE Credit Union, 5-5; Northeast Carpets, 5-5; Besse-Clarke, 4-6; Moldmaster, 1-9.

Little League results

JUL 1 1982

Rob Grady and Ed Sherman combined to pitch a no-hit, no-run game in the South Little League as their East Side Pizza team downed Evergreen Realty 4-0 at Deming Field.

Sherman and Chris Handy had two singles each for the East Side squad, which won the South League's first-half championship with a record of 8-1.

In other South play, Mike Daury drove in four runs with two singles, a double and a triple in leading Burger King to a 12-4 win over the Italian-American Club. David Barzottini added two singles and a double for the winners, while Jerry Arace and Scott Ziter chipped in with three hits apiece. Daury was also the winning pitcher.

Jim Menin and Keith LeVardi combined for the pitching win and Kathy Schilling contributed a single and a double as Stevenson Insurance downed Warner Amex 4-1. Jim White had a single and a double for Warner Amex.

John DiNicola and Tom Sykes combined on a four-hitter and Jonathan Modan had a single and a double as City Savings Bank topped Evergreen Realty 4-2. Mike Manning also helped the CSB cause with a pair of hits.

Jerry Arace went 4-for-5 including a three-run homer to lead Burger King to a 14-2 romp past Stevenson's. Mike Daury and Dominic LeVardi also homered for the winners, while Jim Ziter had two singles and a double.

Paul Sparks had a single and a triple and Matt Joseph had a pair of hits as Evergreen Realty topped Teo's by a 12-7 count. Steve Alibozek and Matt Scarafoni each had a single and a double for Teo's. Scarafoni also started a triple play for Teo's in the field.

Jerry Arace pitched a two-hitter and Dominic LeVardi had two doubles and two RBI as Burger King blanked Tank Shop 3-0, while Chris Handy had a single and a double and Jamie Hurley banged out a pair of hits as East Side Pizza topped Virgilio's Construction 11-5. Chip Schnackenberg and Chris Kearns each had a single and a double for Virgilio's.

Paul Bowlby had three singles while winning pitcher Matt Peplowski helped his own cause with a single and a double as the Italian-American Club downed Warner Amex 21-0. Joe Duda had a triple and a single for the winners, while Sean Boyle chipped in with a pair of singles.

John DiNicola drove in two runs with a pair of doubles and Tom Sykes was the winning pitcher as City Savings outslugged Teo's 13-12. Steve Alibozek had a single and two doubles and drove in a total of six runs in a losing effort for Teo's.

Winning hurler Bryan Larson helped his own cause with three hits and four RBI as Virgilio's scored an 11-4 triumph over Tank Shop. Jeff Renzi had an RBI double for Tank Shop.

Anthony Gamberoni had a double and a triple to lead Jimmy's Restaurant to a 6-4 victory over the Eagles in a West Little League game at Clapp Park.

In other West contests, Brud Weigand had a single and a double and Nathaniel Brown delivered an RBI hit as Itam edged Connor Pharmacy 4-3. Vincent Szymanski hurled a four-hitter for Connor's despite being tagged with the loss.

Winning pitcher Charlie Holmes helped his own cause with two doubles and three RBI as Civitan topped Connor Pharmacy by a 6-1 count, while Kipp Steinman was the winning pitcher and Dave Kirchner's triple was the big hit of the game as Jimmy's Restaurant topped Norm's Variety 9-4.

Nathaniel Brown pitched a one-hitter and Matt Thomas and Mike Lasher chipped in with two hits apiece, leading Itam to a 14-2 triumph over the Eagles. Losing pitcher Peter Ochs had the lone hit for the Eagles.

Little League results

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The West Little League has named its all-star team to play in the 1982 Berkshire County championship all-star tournament.

Representing the West this year will be Nathaniel Brown, Paul Brindle, Gary Haight, Charlie Holmes, Michael Mazzeo, Shaun Stannard, Paul Culpo, Scott McCann, Patrick Miller, Jeff Conuel, John Gray, Michael Lasher, Kipp Steinman and Brud Weigand.

In regular season play, John Bassi was the winning pitcher and Mark Wilk had a pair of hits as the Fire Department downed the Police Department 5-1 in the North Little League at the Brown Street field.

In other North action, Rich Wendling and Eric Sprague each had a pair of hits and Corky Greenleaf was the winning pitcher as Colt Insurance defeated Dave's Sporting Goods 16-2.

Mark Taglieri had three hits including a home run and Jeremy Harper was the mound winner as the Elks topped Quality Printing 15-4, while Ron Berkley had two hits and Jay DiCicco was the winning hurler as Quality Printing rebounded to post an 8-7 triumph over the Fire Department.

Ernie Taylor had three hits and Taglieri had a single and a home run as the Elks scored a 16-5 win over Dave's Sporting Goods. Jon Carmon was the winning pitcher as the Police Department topped Quality Printing 7-2. Losing pitcher Ron Berkley had two hits for the Printers.

Bassi and John Canning had three hits apiece and Pete Dana emerged as the winning pitcher as the Fire Department outslugged Dave's Sporting Goods 18-12, while Rich Taglieri pitched a one-hitter and Joe Amuso banged out three hits in the Elks' win over Colt Insurance 13-1.

GE Credit Union got by Northeast Carpets 5-2, and Burger Chef topped Besse-Clarke 14-4 in East League action.

Shaun Kirby singled in the clinching tally for GE and Glenn Gilbert contributed a double, two singles and an RBI. Mike Hamilton had two singles and a run batted in for Northeast Carpets. David Reilly went the distance to gain the mound victory. Steve Little was the loser. Northeast Carpets pulled off a triple play.

Burger Chef took the lead in the first inning and never looked back in downing Besse-Clarke. Eric Taylor led the winners with a single and double and drove in three runs. Randy Kinnis and Jamie Esoldi each pitched three innings for Burger Chef with Kinnas getting credit for the win. Tom Viale was the loser.

Stevenson Insurance won three games and Evergreen Realty and Burger King won two each in recent South Little League action.

Stevenson's victories came over Virgilio's 10-2, Teo's 9-3 and Warner Amex 12-4. Rob Mole struck out 15 batters and Eric Garzina and Keith LeVardi combined for six hits and three RBI to lead the win over Virgilio's. Mole struck out 12 more and Kevin Meddeau had two singles and two RBI to highlight the win over Teo's. Steve Alibozek had two hits for Teo's. And Jim Menin pitched a complete-game win, had a triple and knocked in two runs in the win over Warner Amex.

Burger King's victories were 6-5 over Warner Amex and 21-1 over the Tank Shop. Mark Wolcott drove in three runs to offset two-hit performances by Warner Amex players Dave and Bob Barzottini. Mike Daury pitched the win, hit a triple and drove in two runs against the Tank Shop. Jerry Arace added two doubles and two RBI, Dom LeVardi had two singles and a double and two RBI, and Brent Caccamo added two singles for the winners.

Evergreen's wins were 10-9 over the Italian American Club and 12-4 over Stevenson. Chris Patti hit a double and knocked in four runs in the win over the Italian American Club, overcoming a three-hit, three-RBI effort by losing pitcher Matt Peplowski. Paul Sparks had a double, two singles and four RBI to lead the win over Stevenson. Chris Patti added two RBI, and pitchers Chris Diehl and Ryan McQueeney each had a double and single. Jim Menin had two singles for Stevenson.

In other action, the Tank Shop nipped Evergreen 13-12, City Savings Bank topped the Italian American Club 14-4, East Side Pizza beat the Tank Shop 15-2 and Virgilio Construction edged Teo's 8-7.

Brian Burger had three doubles and three RBI to lead the Tank Shop to its win. Jeff Renzi added two singles and two RBI, Corey Sohmer had a single, triple and two RBI and Paul Bresnahan had two singles. Matt Joseph and Ryan McQueeney had two hits each for Evergreen.

Keith Potavini had a single, two doubles and five RBI to lead CSB to victory. Mike Manning added two singles and Jonathan Modan and John DiNicola combined to hurl a four-hitter.

Jamie Hurley had a triple, single and four RBI and Ed Sherman added two hits and two RBI to lead East Side's win. Peter LaPointe had three singles for the Tank Shop.

Chipper Schnackenberg had a double, single and two RBI and David Christopolis two singles to lead Virgilio's to its triumph. J.T. Carroll had three singles and Chris Roussin a double, single and two RBI for Teo's.

Little League results

The East Little League has named its 1982 all-star tournament team, which will be managed by Mike Toner and coached by Mike Cassinelli. Players include Eric Bongini and Timothy Sullivan of Besse-Clarke; Jamie Esoldi of Burger Chef; Robert Coco, Glenn Gilbert and David Reilly of GE Credit Union; Todd Drury of Moldmasters; Phillip Heidel, Steven Little and Patrick Mitchell of Northeast Carpets; and Mike Caparella, Chad Mazza, Gary Miles and James Morgan of Pittsfield Pipers.

In recent East League action, Miles and Caparella combined to pitch a three-hitter as Pittsfield Pipers topped GE Credit Union 5-2. Jeremy Reiner had three singles to pace the winners.

Tom Viale belted a decisive two-run homer in the sixth inning to propel Besse-Clarke to a 6-4 win over Moldmaster. Rick Carnevale homered for Moldmaster in the sixth inning. Joel Bongini had two singles for the winners and Carnevale had two hits for Moldmaster. Tim Sullivan struck out 10 in a complete-game win.

Northeast Carpets beat Burger Chef 5-2 in a game in which each team had only four hits. Winning pitcher Phil Heidel had two hits for Northeast Carpets and Jamie Esoldi doubled in a losing cause.

West League

In West Little League action at Clapp Park, Kipp Steinman was the winning pitcher and Dave Kirchner had a key triple as Jimmy's restaurant downed Norm's Variety 9-4, while Paul Culpo picked up the mound win and Vin Syzmanski had an RBI double as Connor Pharmacy scored a 14-6 triumph over Baystate Restorations.

Charlie Holmes had two singles and a double and Eric Layden was the winning hurler as Civitan defeated the Eagles 10-9. Shaun Quinlan and Pete Ochs had two hits each for the Eagles.

Winning pitcher Jeff Skowron helped his own cause with a double to lead Norm's to its first win — an 8-6 triumph over Itam. Brud Weigand had a pair of hits for the Itam team.

Paul Brindle banged out two triples and a single and winning pitcher Gary Haight struck out 15 as Baystate Restorations topped Civitan by a 9-3 count. Eric Layden had two hits for Civitan.

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Little League results

Mike Lasher was the winning pitcher and sparked his team's attack with a 3-for-4 hitting performance as Itam downed Norm's Variety 12-2 in West Little League play at Clapp Park.

Matt Thomas had two hits for the winners, while Jeff Skowron and Paul Martino each had a pair of hits for Norm's.

In other West action, John Maloney had a home run and Mike Puia raced home with the winning run as the Eagles edged Jimmy's Restaurant 6-5. Pete Garivaltis and Anthony Gamberoni both belted doubles for Jimmy's.

Shaun Stannard picked up the pitching win and Charlie Holmes drove in two runs with a pair of hits as Civitan downed Norm's Variety 13-9. Shaun Murphy had two hits and Mitch McKnight belted a three-run homer for Norm's.

Jeff Conuel banged out three hits and John Gray added a pair of safeties as the Eagles topped Norm's Variety by a 12-3 count, while Gary Haight struck out 10 and Danny Wlodkowski had the game-winning two-run single as Baystate Restorations nipped Jimmy's Restaurant 3-1. The other Baystate run came on a Paul Brindle homer.

Brindle was the winning pitcher as Baystate also downed the Eagles 2-0. John Gray had three hits in a losing effort for the Eagles.

Mike Mazzeo and Eric Layden hurled a combined one-hitter and struck out a total of 15 batters as they hurled Civitan to a 6-0 triumph over Connor Pharmacy. Vinnie Syzmanski had the lone hit for Connor's.

Syzmanski also went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI as Connor Pharmacy downed Itam 11-6. Winning pitcher Scott McCann also helped his own cause with three hits — two of them doubles — while Brud Weigand had three hits for Itam.

North League

In the North League, Jon Carmon pitched a no-hitter but lost in recent action as his Police Department team dropped a 1-0 decision to Colt Insurance. Carmon struck out 12, but the Insurance team scored on a walk and an error and the Police could not get the equalizer. Corky Greenleaf was the winning pitcher with the shutout for Colt.

Jeremy Harper pitched a three-hit shutout and struck out 12 as the Elks blanked Quality Printing 8-0 in other North play. Rob Trumbull and Mike Brasie sparked the Elks' attack with two hits apiece.

Jon Bassi was the mound winner and Mike Wilk had two hits to lead the Fire Department to a 13-10 triumph over the Police. Bill Nason had three hits in a losing cause for the Policemen.

Winning pitcher Glenn Sime helped his own cause with three hits as Dave's Sporting Goods downed Colt Insurance 17-5. Jim Salvie and Kollin Kozlowski also had three hits each for the winners. One of Kozlowski's hits was a home run. Losing pitcher Mark Sinopoli had two hits for Colt.

Little League

The North Little League has named its all-star team to compete later this month in the Berkshire County Little League all-star championship tournament.

The North, a county finalist last year, will be represented this summer by Mark Taglieri, Rob Trumbull, Joe Amuso and Mike Brasie, all of the Elks; Paul LeSage, Mark Sinopoli and Paul Greenleaf, all of Colt Insurance; Anton Kaufer of the Fire Department, Jon Carmon and Marty Marberry of the Police Department, Ron Berkley of Quality Printing, and Russ Gates, Jim Salvie and Glenn Sime, all of Dave's Sporting Goods.

The head coach of the team will be Jack Hogan, and his assistant will be Gary Hodlin. They are both from the Elks.

In regular-season North League action, Mark Taglieri pitched a no-hitter and struck out 16 as the Elks downed the Fire Department 4-1. Taglieri also helped his own cause with a single and a two-run homer. John Bassi had a strong game on the mound for the Firemen, striking out 11 despite taking the loss.

Paul LeSage and Rick Wendling had three hits each and Corky Greenleaf was the winning pitcher as Colt Insurance downed Quality Printing 20-5. Ray Butler had a pair of hits for the Printers.

Colin Kozlowski and Mike Raczynski each had three hits and Russ Gates picked up the mound victory as Dave's Sporting Goods topped the Police Department 13-6. Bill Nason had a pair of hits for the Police.

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Little League

The nine-team Berkshire County Little League all-star tournament swings into action when Pittsfield East meets Lee at 6 in a first-round game at the Benedict Road Field.

The East-Lee clash is the only first-round game scheduled.

The winner of that game will advance to the quarterfinals and will play at home against Pittsfield South next Wednesday. In other Wednesday quarterfinals, Pittsfield West will be at Pittsfield North, Adams will be at Great Barrington and Dalton will be at Williamstown.

The semifinals are slated for a week from tonight, with the county championship game set for Monday, July 26. All tournament games will start at 6 p.m. Great Barrington is the defending Berkshire County champion, having ended Pittsfield South's five-year reign last year.

The county champion will move on to state preliminary-round play, with a first-round game set for July 30 at the home field of the District 2 (Connecticut Valley) winner. The winner of that game will move on to play the Central Mass. area champion Aug. 2, amd the survivor of that game goes to the state Final Four on Aug. 6-7 in Athol.

The state champion will advance to the East Regional championships Aug. 16-21 at Newburgh, N.Y., and the regional titlist will go on to play in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Like the Berkshire County tournament, all Little League state, regional and world series play is run on a single-elimination format. In case you're wondering, a Berkshire County team would have to win 15 games in a row to capture the world series championship.

JUL 16 1982

Little League results

The South Little League has named its all-star team to compete in Berkshire County all-star tournament play starting next week.

The team this year will be coached by Ken Lussier, with Ron Bonacquisti assisting.

Team members include Steve Alibozek and Gary Soldato of Teo's, Jerry Arace and Mike Daury of Burger King, Paul Bowlby, Joe Duda and Mike Weber of the Italian-American Club, David Christopolis and John Hinkell of Virgilio's Construction, Chris Handy and Jamie Hurley of East Side Pizza, Jeff Renzi of Tank Shop and John DiNicola and Tom Sykes of City Savings Bank.

In recent regular-season South League play, Winning pitcher John DiNicola had four hits and knocked in a pair of runs in leadiing City Savings to a 22-2 triumph over Teo's. Keith Podavini added a double and two singles for the winners while J.T. Carroll had two doubles for Teo's.

John Hinkell was the winning pitcher while Carl Bowlby, Joe Duda and Paul Bowlby all had RBI doubles in leading Virgilio's to a narrow 8-7 win over the Italian-American Club. Dave Christopolis had a two-run triple and Chip Schnackenberg drove in three runs with a single and a double for the losers.

Jim Ziter had a single, triple and a homer with four RBI and Jerry Arace banged out two singles and two doubles as Burger King walloped Virgilio's 19-5. Mike Daury and David Barzottini each addded three singles apiece while Dom LeVardi also added a home run.

John DiNicola had a single and a double and also emerged as the winning pitcher when City Savings Bank downed East Side Pizza 6-1. Chris Handy had a double and a triple for the East Side.

Joe Duda had three hits and Mike Weber knocked in three runs with a pair of singles in leading the Italian-American Club to a 14-2 triumph over Warner Amex. Paul Bowlby was the winning pitcher.

Winning pitcher Jim Ziter helped his own cause with a pair of singles and Mike Daury drove in four runs with a single, double and triple as Burger King topped Stevenson Insurance by a 19-9 count. Dom LeVardi had three hits for the winners, while Kevin French had two hits for Stevenson's.

Tom Sykes had two singles, Mike Manning had a single and a double and John DiNicola belted a double and a home run as City Savings Bank posted an 8-5 victory over Tank Shop, while Matt Joseph had three hits and Chris Diehl added a double and two singles in leading Evergreen Realty to an 8-6 win over Virgilio's. Chip Schnackenberg and John Hinkell each had a single and a double for Virgilio's.

JUL 14 1982

Pittsfield East, Lee square off tonight in county LL opener

A game between Pittsfield East and Lee at the East's Benedict Road field tonight kicks off the Berkshire County Little League all-star baseball tournament.

The East League all-stars and the Lee all-stars will square off tonight at 6 in a first-round game, with the winning team advancing to play Pittsfield South in the quarterfinals Wednesday at its home field. In other Wednesday quarterfinal play, defending county champion Great Barrington will host Adams, Pittsfield West will be at Pittsfield North and Dalton will be at Williamstown.

The semifinals are set for Friday night, and the finals are slated for a week from tonight. All tournament games are set to start at 6.

JUL 19 1982

Little League results

Mark Taglieri and Corky Greenleaf both pitched no-hitters to highlight recent North Little action at the Brown Street field.

Greenleaf hurled his second straight no-hitter as his Colt Insurance team beat the Fire Department 2-0. Greenleaf struck out 14 and also sparked his team's offense with a pair of hits. John Bassi pitched a four-hitter despite taking the loss for the Firemen.

The Elks defeated the Fire Department 14-0 on Taglieri's no-hitter, also his second of the season. Taglieri struck out 13, while he and Jeremy Harper led the Elks' attack with three hits apiece.

In other North League action, Glenn Sime went 5-for-5 and Russ Gates was the winning pitcher as Dave's Sporting Goods downed the Police Department 19-11. Losing pitcher Marty Mayberry had three hits for the Policemen.

Paul LeSage and winning pitcher Rick Wendling had three hits each and Mark Sinopoli hit a home run as Colt Insurance downed Quality Printing in another slugfest, 20-8. Jay DiCicco had a pair of hits and Ron Berkley homered for the Printers.

Mike Brasie pitched a three-hitter and struck out nine as the Elks wrapped up the second half and over-all league championships by beating the Police Department 7-3. Joe Amuso had two hits to spark the Elks' attack.

Sime hurled a four-hitter and struck out 13 as Dave's Sporting Goods topped Quality Printing by a 7-0 count. Sime also had three hits and Gates two to lead the Sporting Goods' offense. John Rodick had a pair of hits for the losers.

East League

In East league action at the Benedict Road field, winning pitcher Mike Laundry struck out seven in three innings and Mike Caparella had three hits and four RBI as the Pittsfield Pipers downed the GE Credit Union 17-6.

The win enabled the Pipers to wrap up the league championship. Glenn Gilbert hit a solo homer for the Credit Union.

In other games, Northeast Carpets scored 10 runs in the first inning and were never headed as they went on to down Moldmaster 15-6. Winning pitcher Joe Bishop hurled allowed just three hits while Phil Heidel sparked the Northeast attack with two doubles, two singles and four RBI. Pat Mitchell also had a big day for the winners with a double and two singles.

Heidel pitched a two-hitter and Mitchell delivered a key bases-loaded double as Northeast Carpets also downed Burger Chef by a 4-2 count. Steve Little homered for the winners, while Jamie Esoldi and Don Borgo had the only hits for Burger Chef.

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County Little League tourney

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Adams, with just 1 hit, stuns Barrington 6-5

By Ray Lamont

The Adams Little League all-stars, despite being held to one hit the entire game, scored six runs in the first inning last night and held on to upset defending county champion Great Barrington 6-5 in a Berkshire County Little League all-star tournament quarterfinal game at Great Barrington's Olympian Meadows Field.

The victory sends Adams in the county semifinals, where the north county club will meet Pittsfield North tomorrow night at 6 at the North's Brown Street Field.

In other quarterfinal action last night, North edged Pittsfield West 6-5 at Brown Street, Pittsfield South rallied to score an 11-10 win over Pittsfield East at the Benedict Road field and Dalton downed Williamstown 8-0 at Williamstown.

South and Dalton will meet in tomorrow's other semifinal game at 6 at Deming Field.

The winners of tomorrow night's games will then meet Monday in the county championship game at the home field of the Dalton-South winner.

The county champion will advance to state tournament play, with the state titlist going on to East Regional competition in Newburgh, N.Y., and the regional champ onto the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. The Little League all-star tournaments are all run on a single-elimination format.

Only hit

Adams' only hit off Great Barrington pitcher Tom Hankey last night was a first-inning single to center by Jason Krutiak. But Adams took advantage of four walks and four Great Barrington errors to build its six-run inning and the south county team couldn't quite make it back.

Don DiLego drew a bases-loaded walk to force in what proved to be the winning run.

Don Racine went the distance on the mound to get the win for Adams, hurling a seven-hitter. In addition to tossing a one-hitter, hard-luck loser Hankey racked up 10 strikeouts on the mound for Barrington.

North's win

Pittsfield North overcame deficits of 3-0 and 5-3 to pull out its extra-inning win over the West.

Mike Mazzeo hit a two-run homer and was working on a no-hitter for the West going into the last of the sixth. But Russ gates' single and Mike Brasie's RBI double keyed a three-run North rally that sent the game into overtime.

In the seventh, the West went ahead again on sacrifice flies by both Scott McCann and Shaun Stannard. But again the North tied it, scoring on an RBI bunt single by Ron Berkley and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Glenn Sime.

Finally, in the last of the 10th, a walk to Rob Trumbull, a single by Brasie and a two-out RBI hit by Paul LeSage gave the North its victory.

Corky Greenleaf, who came on in relief in the sixth inning, was credited with the win while Jeff Conuel, who relieved Mazzeo at the start of gthe 10th, was tagged with the loss.

Up in Williamstown, Pat Bramer pitched a three-hitter and struck out 13 as Dalton breezed into the semis with a shutout win.

The Dalton club banged out four home runs in the game — two of them by Mike Ellsworth, who connected for a solo shot in the second inning and a two-run belt in the third.

Scott Pudlo also homered for Dalton in the second, while Billy Nary also connected for a solo HR in Dalton's six-run third.

South, which had won the county title five straight times before Great Barrington broke the string last year, scored three runs in the sixth to pull out its heart-stopping 11-10 win over the East.

Sykes wins it

Tom Sykes drove in the winning run when he belted an RBI hit to the fence in center field.

The East had jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the see-saw game when a two-run homer by Chad Mazza highlighted a five-run third, but the South came back with a big third inning of its own when John DiNicola's two-run HR capped a seven-run surge in the last half of the inning.

Glenn Gilbert's two-run single then but the East ahead again in the top of the fourth, only to have South tie it in the last of the fourth.

And Steve Little's double, his fourth hit of the game, combined with RBI hits by Mike Caparella and Pat Mitchell staked the East to a 10-8 lead in the top of the sixth.

But that set the stage for Sykes' heroics in the last of the sixth, and the Elm Street team was on its way to the semis.

South reliever Joe Duda was the winning pitcher.

Little League

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Eric Carlson pitched a one-hitter and Anton Kaufer banged out a pair of hits as the Fire Department blanked Quality Printing 8-0 in North Little League play at the Brown Street field.

Ron Berkley had the lone hit for Quality Printing.

In other North action, Rick Wendling and Mark Sinopoli had three hits each and Corky Greenleaf was the winning pitcher as Colt Insurance downed the Police Department 10-5. Bill Nason had a pair of hits for the Policemen.

Mark Taglieri hurled a one-hitter to best Russ Gates in an excellent pitchers' duel as the Elks edged Dave's Sporting Goods 4-1. Taglieri struck out 10 in picking up the triumph. The only hit off him was a double by Dave's Kolin Kozlowski.

There will be a special playoff game tomorrow night at 6 at the Brown Street field between Dave's Sporting Goods and the Fire Department. The winner will gain a berth along with Colt Insurance in the city round-robin tournament. The North champion, Elks, will be entered in the city championship series.

Little League

Glenn Sime was the winning pitcher and banged out a pair of hits as Dave's Sporting Goods downed the Fire Department 8-5 in a special North Little League playoff game at the Brown Street field.

Scott Halkowicz and P.J. Torra had three hits apiece in the game for the Firemen.

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Schedule set for local LL playoffs

The Pittsfield Little League city championship series and round-robin tournaments are scheduled to open this week with games at all four city Little League fields.

The round-robin tournament for second and third-place teams will get underway with four games tomorrow night. In those openers, the North League's Dave's Sporting Goods will play East's Northeast Carpets at the Benedict Road field, Bay State Restorations of the West League will face the North's Colt Insurance squad at the Brown Street Field, Burger Chef of the East will play at Deming Field against either East Side Pizza or Evergreen Realty of the South League and the West's Connor Pharmacy will host the South's City Savings at Clapp Park.

The round-robin semifinals are slated for Friday, and the finals will be played on Sunday. All games will be played at 5:30.

The city championship series begins on Thursday night with the North league champion Elks taking on the East champ Pittsfield Pipers at Benedict Road, while Civitan will face Burger King at Clapp Park. Burger King is the South League titlist while Civitan won the West League crown.

The winners of those games will then meet for the city championship on Saturday, at the home field of the Burger King-Civitan winner.

All city title games are also slated to start at 5:30.

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Little League round robin

Gary Haight pitched a one-hitter and helped his own cause with three hits including a home run last night, leading Bay State Restorations to an 11-5 win over Colt Insurance in a Pittsfield Little League round-robin tournament game at the Brown Street field.

The win means that Bay State, the West League's third-place finisher, will play at Clapp Park tomorrow night at 5:30 against East League runner-up Northeast Carpets, which beat Dave's Sporting Goods 3-0 in another first-round game last night.

Colt Insurance had been the second-place finisher in the North League, while Dave's had finished third.

Paul Brindle also had three hits including a homer for Bay State last night, while Paul LeSage had the lone hit for Colt Insurance. Corky Greenleaf was the losing pitcher.

At the Benedict Road field, Northeast Carpets advanced to the semifinals behind the combined two-hit pitching of Pooey Heidel and Steve Little. Heidel also drove in one run with a sacrifice fly in the third, while teammate Tom Sloan knocked in another Northeast tally with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Pat Mitchell had two hits for Northeast Carpets, while losing pitcher Russ Gates had both hits for Dave's Sporting Goods.

At Clapp Park, Tom Sykes was the winning pitcher in relief of John DiNicola and Mike Manning had two hits and three RBI as South League runner-up City Savings Bank edged West second-place finisher Connor Pharmacy 3-1 in seven innings. Sykes helped his own cause with a pair of hits. Paul Culpo had a double and a single for Connor's.

At Deming Field, Randy Kinnas and Jamie Esoldi combined on a five-hitter as East League third-place finisher Burger Chef — last year's city champion — downed East Side Pizza 12-4. Kinnas helped his own cause with an RBI double. Eddie Sherman had two hits for East Side.

Burger Chef and City Savings will now meet in tomorrow's other semifinal game at 5:30 at Deming Field. The round-robin final are slated for Sunday at 5:30 at the home field of the City Savings-Burger Chef winner.

City title series

Meanwhile, the four-team city championship series begins with a pair of games tonight.

In tonight's contests, the North League champion Elks will take on the East League champ Pittsfield Pipers at the Benedict Road field while Burger King, the South League winner, will face Civitan, the West League titlist, at Clapp Park. Both those games are also scheduled to start at 5:30.

The winners of tonight's contests will meet for the city championship Saturday, again at 5:30, at the home of the Civitan-Burger King winner.

Burger King won the South Little League title by beating East Side 5-1 in a playoff. Jerry Arace was the winning pitcher in that game while Mike Daury had two hits and an RBI.

East Side then turned around and downed Evergreen Realty 7-3 in another playoff to earn its spot in the round-robin. Bob Grady got credit for the pitching win in that one, while Matt Risley had a pair of hits.

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City LL playoffs

Mazzeo hurls no-hitter, K's 18 as Civitan wins title

Mike Mazzeo pitched a no-hitter and recorded every out by a strikeout as the Civitan team of the West Little League won the Pittsfield city Little League championship by beating the North League champion Elks 4-3 Saturday night at Clapp Park.

The Civitan win marks the first time a West League team has won the city crown since 1963. Ironically, Civitan won the title that year as well. Civitan had reached the finals by beating South League champ Burger King in the semifinals last Thursday. The Elks had earned their berth in the finals by scoring a semifinal win over the East League champ Pittsfield Pipers.

Mazzeo struck 18 in going the full six innings and also knocked in the eventual winning run with a two-run fourth-inning triple Saturday.

The only Elks' runs came on a two-run Civitan error in the third inning and on a bases-loaded walk in the sixth. Mazzeo walked six, while Civitan committed two errors in the field.

Civitan, trailing 2-1, scored all four of its runs in the third inning when Eric Reddington banged out an RBI double and scored on an Elks' error before Mazzeo belted his two-run triple.

Mike Brasie hurled a six-hitter and struck out four, going the distance despite taking the loss on the mound for the Elks.

Round-robin final

Last night, City Savings Bank of the South League won the city round-robin championship by scoring a 4-3 win over the East League's Northeast Carpets at Deming Field.

City Savings, which placed second in the South loop during regular-season play, had advanced to the finals by beating Connor Pharmacy and Burger Chef in quarterfinal and semifinal-round action last week. The round-robin tourney is for second and third-place finishers in each of the four city Little Leagues.

A two-run double by John Modan sparked City Savings to a 2-0 second-inning lead last night, and after Northeast Carpets scored three runs in the top of the third to go ahead 3-2, CBS tied it in the bottom of the third on an RBI double by Keith Podavini.

The South team then won the game in the fourth when Modan raced home on the front end of an attempted double steal.

John DiNicola was the winning pitcher, going all the way with a five-hitter while striking out 11. DiNicola also helped his team's attack by banging out two singles and a double.



Bob Mazzeo

NO. 1 TEAM of the Pittsfield Little League is Civitan of the West loop. Personnel are, left to right: first row; Eric Layden, Chris Ardia, Shaun Stannard, Mike Boyle, Brian Griffin, Graig Hoskeer, Jeff Contenta and Eric Reddington; second row, assistant coach Kevin Stannard, Steve Kotski, Charlie Holmes, Mike Soules, Patsy Marziello, Mike Mazzeo and Coach Butch Stannard. Dan Brazeau was absent from the picture. Civitan is the first West League team to take the city title since 1963. The champions posted an 18-3 season record.

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Looking Back

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50 Years Ago

George P. Beckwith, Charles and Frederick Rhodes of Pittsfield and Rayo Harris of Lenox were among the first students enrolled in the Lebanon School for Boys which opened in New Lebanon, N.Y. Charles H. Jones was headmaster.

25 Years Ago

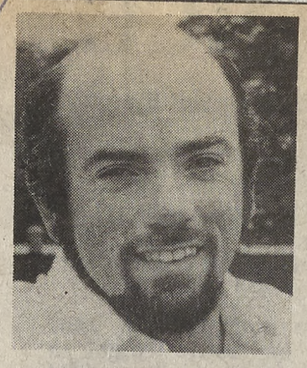
Visitors counted by the clicking turnstiles at the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown passed the 80,000 mark. The tally started with the opening of the building in May 1955.

Raymond Bertolino was named chairman of the 1958 Pittsfield Little League. John Marchesi was elected secretary and Vincent J. Hebert, treasurer.

10 Years Ago

Bernard Lenhoff of North Adams was promoted from special justice of Williamstown District Court to presiding justice. He succeeded the late Samuel E. Levine of North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Sel Atherton won the Country Club of Pittsfield mixed-doubles tennis tournament by beating Jack Talbot and Mrs. Lucinda Jordan in the finals.



As I See It

OCT 16 1982

Striking a balance

By Bob McDonough

It's an inexact science at best, this journalism business. In the midst of dispensing information, you can't please everyone, but you try your best to strike a balance and make sure the most important news is told.

But in the attempt to please all, there are some whose feelings are occasionally bruised.

And since we're in the neighborhood, let's take sports, for instance.

Some of the calls that come to this office are hilarious, but often give us an interesting insight to the perspectives of sports fans.

"My kid was just voted most valuable player on his Little League team, and I don't see why you can't come down to (fill in the town) and put his picture in the paper."

An interesting call, but the answer is no.

Why?

Well, how would you like to pick up the Eagle every morning and be faced with pictures of nothing but most valuable players of every Little League team from Williamstown to Sheffield?

You would? Then you agree with the guy who believes the Eagle is "no damn good anymore" because we don't run those kinds of photos every day.

The point being made is that perspectives differ, and room has to be made for all perspectives.

For every call arguing there should be more photos of team MVPs or bigger stories on bowling and volleyball leagues, there are an equal number of calls from those who would do away with all local news and fill the pages with nothing but small-type box scores and full-page analyses of every Boston Red Sox game. One frequent caller is indignant that the California Angels' West Coast box scores don't appear daily. Never mind that the games end at roughly 2 a.m. and that deadline is 11:30 p.m.

The point is, everybody has to share. And in the past few years, there has been a major increase in the amount of news to share, without an equal increase in the space in which we can all share it.

Ten years ago, there would have been no great demand for news coverage of half of today's sports. In 1972 who could have predicted the huge growth in running, soccer, gymnastics, bike racing and cross country skiing, never mind the new girls' sports?

But sports are constantly growing, with readers rightfully demanding coverage of the growth sports on both the local and national level.

That doesn't mean that the longstanding sports like Little League baseball and candlepin bowling are left out in the cold. They just have to move over, sacrificing some of their less significant details. Pittsfield has to make room for Dalton, the boys have to make room for the girls, bowlers have to make room for runners, and the Red Sox have to make room for the Yankees. It's a burden all must bear.

But like the child who won't share his lollipop, there are many adults — the stalwarts of the "gimme" generation — who selfishly claim their right to more space than the other guy.

An adamant bowler has no more justification for "who cares about running?" than a runner has for "who cares about bowling."

Obviously, with 500 people showing up for races, and another 500 showing up to bowl, a lot of people care.

We make room the best we can. That means that the kid who goes 0-for-4 might not get his name in the Little League story when a kid who hits a home run does. And somebody who bowls a candlepin 300 triple might not show up when a fellow bowling 350 does.

To those people who find it so important to read their names in the paper, I offer a word of advice — practice.

Frankly, I was one of those 0-for-4 kids, and I dreaded the thought of all my friends adding up the zeroes in the paper. So I practiced. That didn't work, so I became a sportswriter.

And I'll still answer the phone, if you want to talk about the Angels or candlepin bowling.

Area sports

FEB 26 1982

Sno-Ball tournament opens tomorrow

SNO-BALL SOFTBALL: The second annual March of Dimes Sno-Ball softball tournament will get under way tomorrow at the GEAA fields.

According to pairings announced Wednesday night, Buratto's Raiders of West Stockbridge and the Pittsfield Auxiliary Police will open play tomorrow with a men's division game at 10 a.m., followed by another men's division clash between the Adams Apple and Nel's Restaurant at 11 a.m.

Dave's Driving School will face Sport-A-Bout in men's play at noon, the March of Dimes team will open co-ed division competition against Willie's Wimps of Pittsfield at 1 p.m., and another co-ed game between the Berkshire Blasters and the Italian Village will follow at 2.

A 3 p.m. a men's game between the North End Trade Association and the Dugout of Dalton and a 4 o'clock co-ed contest between Berkshire Bank & Trust and Jerry's will conclude the Saturday schedule.

Sunday, the Snowballers and the Coaches Corner will meet in men's competition at 10 a.m., the Gallup Inn of New Lebanon will face the Home Plate in a men's clash at 11, and A.J.'s Carriage House of Lanesboro will take on Valley Head Inc. of Lenox in a noon co-ed tilt.

Double-elimination play will then continue from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, with later rounds and the finals then slated for next weekend, March 6-7.

The tournament is sponsored by Fahey Beverages and Miller Lite Beer.

All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the March of Dimes.

MAR 30 1982

SOFTBALL MEETING: The Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball Association will conduct its second organizational meeting tonight at 7:30 at Springside House, 874 North St. Team representatives have been notified, but league President Bob Shade said tonight's meeting is particularly important for teams that were not represented at the first meeting. The league, which previously used a two-division setup, will be divided into three divisions this season.

Shade said the league will open at Lakewood Field, but he hopes to begin using the new East Street complex around Memorial Day.

Anyone with questions about the league can contact Shade during the day at radio station WBEC.

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APR 20 1982

Softball coaches to meet tonight in Lenox

LENOX — A meeting of softball coaches to organize this year's league will be held at the Community Center today at 7 p.m.

Richard Lampron, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said that coaches are needed to run the league this year.

APR 16 1982

Council OK's land lease to softball league

The City Council Tuesday approved a 10-year lease of the old East Street landfill to the Berkshire County Softball Complex, extended the boundaries of the Commercial Area Revitalization District and accepted a land gift.

The softball league received City Council permission in October to develop the incomplete softball complex there with volunteer labor. The formal lease agreement, which gives the softball group two five-year renewal options, came before the Council Tuesday and was approved on a 10-1 vote. City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi abstained because, he explained, he is involved with the softball league.

The lease allows the group, which has applied for a seasonal beer and wine license, to sell the beverages on the property. It stipulates that lights must be out by midnight.

The extension of the Commercial Area Revitalization District to include an auto body repair shop in the rear of 526 North St. was recommended by the mayor and city development agencies. Moving the property into the CARD makes it eligible for tax-exempt revenue bond financing to rehabilitate the shop into retail and office space. The change was approved on a unanimous vote.

The land gift, which was accepted by unanimous vote, was from Del Alba Realty. It consists of about nine acres at the end of Bushey Road.

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APR 17 1982

Softball Complex seeks license for beer, wine

Berkshire County Softball Complex Inc., a non-profit corporation that plans to lease the old city landfill on East Street and operate three softball fields, has applied for a summer seasonal beer and wine license for the clubhouse at the site.

Richard J. Bridges, treasurer of the Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball Association, is listed as manager on the license application. A public hearing has been scheduled by the Licensing Board for April 26 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 212 of City Hall.

The license, if granted, would be applicable from April 1 through Jan. 15, 1983. The City Council on Tuesday approved the granting of a 10-year lease to the softball organization.

The Licensing Board also will consider applications for transfer of an all-alcoholic beverage license and to amend a six-day alcoholic beverages license to a seven-day license at public hearings April 26.

At 3:50, Jerome C. Galvin, manager of Jerry's at 87 Wahconah St., will seek approval for transfer of a license to ACS Inc., doing business as the Beer Garden, at the same address. Anthony C. Stracuzzi is listed as manager of the Beer Garden.

At 4, Peter's Diner at 1350 East St. will seek to amend its liquor license from a six-day license to a seven-day license.

APR 27 1982

Softball promoters land license for beer and wine

Berkshire County Softball Complex Inc. made a successful pitch for a beer and wine license at a public hearing before the Pittsfield Licensing Board yesterday.

The non-profit corporation, formed by the Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball Association, has leased the old city landfill on East Street and will operate three fields and a clubhouse there. Park Department plans to develop the area as a city facility had been scuttled because of the funding crunch created by Proposition 2½.

Attorney Edward J. Lapointe, representing the softball corporation, said the beer and wine license was needed to generate revenues for maintenance and development of the complex. The clubhouse, estimated to cost $30,000, is being constructed with private donations and volunteer labor. No public funds are being used.

Lapointe said he expects work to be completed by May 28.

He said two fields will be used primarily by the 17-team league and that the third would be available for use by the public at a minimal fee. At this time, only one field will be lighted.

Picnic tables and playground equipment will be installed on a fourth field that can't be used safely for softball because there are high-tension wires overhead, according to Lapointe.

Beer and wine will be served in the clubhouse on game nights, beginning one hour before the first scheduled game.

The seasonal license granted to the facility, to be managed by Richard J. Bridges, is effective from April 1 to Jan. 15.

All three Licensing Board members voted in favor of the application, which encountered no opposition.

APR 27 1982

UMPIRES' MEETING: There will be a clinic tonight at 7:30 at Springside House, 874 North St. for anyone interested in umpiring recreational slow-pitch softball games this summer in the Pittsfield area. Berkshire County rules interpreter Ed Ladley of Pittsfield will conduct the clinic, which will include a review of slow-pitch rules and the procedure for registering as an umpire.

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MAY 24 1982

County, Dalton leagues open softball play tonight

The Berkshire County men's softball season jumps into high gear tonight as both the Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball League and the Dalton Fast-Pitch Softball League open their schedules.

The slow-pitch league, which has 18 teams in two divisions, will play all its games for the first week at The Bible Speaks in Lenox, then will swing over to its new softball complex on East Street in Pittsfield beginning June 1.

Tonight's schedule in Lenox features Home Plate vs. the Bible Speaks Saints at 6:30, Itam vs. defending county champion Lee Men's Club at 7 and James Jewelers vs. Macano Inn at 8.

Each team will play a 25-game regular season schedule, with games concluding Aug. 13. The league will host the Al Bianchi tournament July 4 weekend, the state qualifier the weekend of July 15, and the State Class B tournament the weekend of July 22.

The league's new three-field complex is scheduled to be completed this week, with final work on the two-story clubhouse building, outfield fencing, the scoreboard and the erection of light standards for one field. The complex is scheduled to open this weekend for a Memorial Day tournament with at least 20 teams competing.

Among the league's new teams are Del Gallo's, Nel's and Auto Parts of Pittsfield, all from the city bar league, Modern Mold & Tool from the YMCA league, and Marina's Pizzeria, the former Dairy Center team.

The Dalton Fast-Pitch League begins tonight, and will proceed through Aug. 5 with double-headers at Pine Grove Park every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 and 8:10 p.m. The league has increased from five to six teams, and each team will play a 20-game schedule.

Tonight's schedule features Maiorano's vs. defending champion Dalton American Legion at 6:30 and Teo's vs. the Elbow Room at 8:10.

The league will host the Bob Howe Invitational tournament June 25-27 and the State Class A tournament July 30 through Aug. 1.

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: The Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball Association will open its new East Street complex this weekend with a Memorial Day weekend tournament. There will be competition in the A,B, and C divisions, with jackets awarded to the winners of each division. The entry fee is $75 for ASA teams and $87 for non-ASA teams, according to league secretary Jim Bridges.

Any team interested in playing should sign up at the complex, located behind the old city incinerator, today between 6 and 8 p.m., or call league president Bob Shade at radio station WBEC. The entry deadline is Thursday.

The tournament is scheduled to open Saturday and conclude Monday.

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MAY 29 1982



Bob McDonough

SILHOUETTED against the late-day sun, the clubhouse, backstops and light standards of the Berkshire County Softball Complex on East Street stand poised for this morning's grand opening. A three-day Memorial Day weekend tournament will christen the new complex.

Softball marathon raises $2,500 for Easter Seal Society

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A total of 11 teams raised about $2,500 for the Easter Seal Society in a softball marathon at the General Electric Athletic Association's field on Crane Avenue Saturday.

Melissa "Missy" Buzzanco of Pittsfield raised the most funds as manager of two teams, Buzzanco's One and Two, which raised a total of $686.

Gerry Fowler of Windsor raised the second largest amount of money through his three teams, which included the Hard Hat Cafe and two teams of family and friends.

The managers were responsibile for organizing teams and pledges and overseeing the pledge returns.

Proceeds from the marathon will provide services for physically disabled children and adults through the Easter Seal Society.

The marathon was sponsored by Radio Station WUPE, Mohawk Beverages, Coca Cola Bottling Co., the GEAA, patients of Ashmere Manor Home, Sports Inc., Burger King, the Williams Inn and Wheatleigh.

JUN 30 1982

County slow-pitch softball standings

American

	W	L	Pct.	GB
James Jewelers	7	1	.875	—
Stars	8	2	.800	—
Lee Men's Club	5	3	.625	2
Del Gallo's	5	4	.556	2½
Dalton Ave.	6	5	.545	2½
Sports Inc.	4	4	.500	3
Home Plate	4	4	.500	3
City Savings	4	5	.444	3½
Itam	3	6	.333	4½

National

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Nel's	7	2	.778	—
Macano	6	3	.667	1
Bulls Eye Pub	7	5	.583	1½
Marina's Pizzaria	5	5	.500	2½
Buratto's	5	5	.500	2½
Saints	6	6	.500	2½
Auto Parts	5	6	.455	3
Pioneers	1	10	.091	7
Modern Mold	0	10	.000	7½

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Home Plate 10, Pioneers 1
Buratto's 16, City Savings Bank 8
Marina's 5, Saints 3 (8 innings)

TONIGHT'S GAMES
(Pittsfield Complex)

Nel's vs. Home Plate, 6:30
Del Gallo's vs. Modern Mold, 6:30
James Jewelers vs. Bible Speaks Stars, 7:45
Lee Men's Club vs. City Savings Bank, 9

JUN 25 1982

James Jewelers place 5th in state Class A tourney

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While most Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball Association teams were playing in the Class B and C state qualifying tournaments here this weekend, James Jewelers of Pittsfield was busy placing fifth out of 17 teams in the state Class A tournament in the southeastern Massachusetts community of Franklin.

The Jewelers lost their opening-round game to Buzzy's of Lynn 7-6 in eight innings Saturday, but rallied to win three straight losers' bracket games before finally bowing 12-11 to Falmouth Trophy late yesterday afternoon.

Buzzy's and Marina Legere — both from Lynn — met in the state finals late last night.

The Jewelers led Buzzy's 6-5 in their opener, but the Lynn team rallied for one run in the last of the seventh and another in the last of the eighth to pull out the triumph.

The Pittsfield team downed Tom's Package of Peabody 7-2 Saturday night as Mike Koperniak, Mike Quadrozzi and Denny Craw all homered, and then scored a 12-10 victory over the 391 Lounge of Chicopee yesterday morning. Mike Quadrozzi had four hits in that win, while Ed Chandler, Koperniak and Tony Simonelli added three hits apiece.

The Jewelers then downed Thermco of Cape Cod by an 11-8 count, as Tony Simonelli had two homers and six RBI and Chuck Simonelli added another HR.

But the end of the line came against Falmouth. Quadrozzi and Chuck Simonelli each had three hits while Tony Simonelli belted another homer — his fifth of the tournament.

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Softball complex to debut tomorrow

By Bob McDonough

Don't expect Fenway Park quite yet, but the Berkshire County Softball Complex will be ready for the cry of "play ball" tomorrow morning.

Some of the edges are still awfully rough, but the green light is on for the three-day Memorial Day weekend tournament that will christen the new three-field softball complex at the former city landfill on outer East Street.

Just a couple of weeks ago, there were three backstops, some drainage ditches and a lot of skepticism about whether the whole thing would get off the ground as scheduled. But by yesterday afternoon, much of the fencing was completed, the six light poles were installed and ready for electricity, and final touches were being applied to the two-story clubhouse building.

The skin (solid dirt) infields are just about finished, and workers are doing their best to smooth over the dirt patches in the outfield of fields No. 1 and 2, which will be used for the weekend tournament.

Ready for Saturday

It's been a hectic week of last-minute preparation, but the green light is on although the complex is far from perfect at this stage.

"We have no choice," said Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball League treasurer Jim Bridges. "We've got to play ball Saturday morning.

"We'll be playable for Saturday morning," Bridges promised.

About 18 area teams are expected to compete in the inaugural tournament, which is scheduled to begin tomorrow morning and conclude Monday. Play will be conducted in three divisions.

Money still needed

League officials hope the tournament proves to be a money maker, since the complex has run up some $80,000 in bills and has raised only about $25,000 to pay them. But many area businesses, including general contractor John Buratto of West Stockbridge, have been lenient about the payment schedule.

"Without Buratto, forget it," Bridges said in praise of his generous general contractor, who has been a longtime supporter of area softball. "He's even lining the bases for us, and who else would do that?" Bridges said Lumbertown, County Concrete and Virgilio Construction have been among the major businesses who have helped out at the complex.

The major remaining work includes completing the inside of the clubhouse, filling in some trenches and smoothing out the rough edges in the outfield.

The two-story clubhouse is 24-by-48 feet, with a bar, rest rooms and storage garage on the first floor. There are also a large walk-in cooler, vending machines, taps for eight brands of beer, and a service window that allows customers to easily order beer, wine, hot dogs or hamburgers without wandering far from the fields. Upstairs is a large meeting room and access to an outside walkway that goes halfway around the building and offers a clear view of all three fields.

Outside, the biggest headache from the start will be the outfield, where there are some large rough dirt spots. All of right field is dirt in field No. 1, where three feet of fill was needed to get rid of a slope.

"The outfield is rough, and everybody knows it's going to take a couple of years to work out," said Bridges, who has been supervising the work at the complex all week. "But it's no worse than Lakewood."

The skin infields, once they are rolled and smoothed out today, "will be comparable to Bible Speaks," Bridges said.

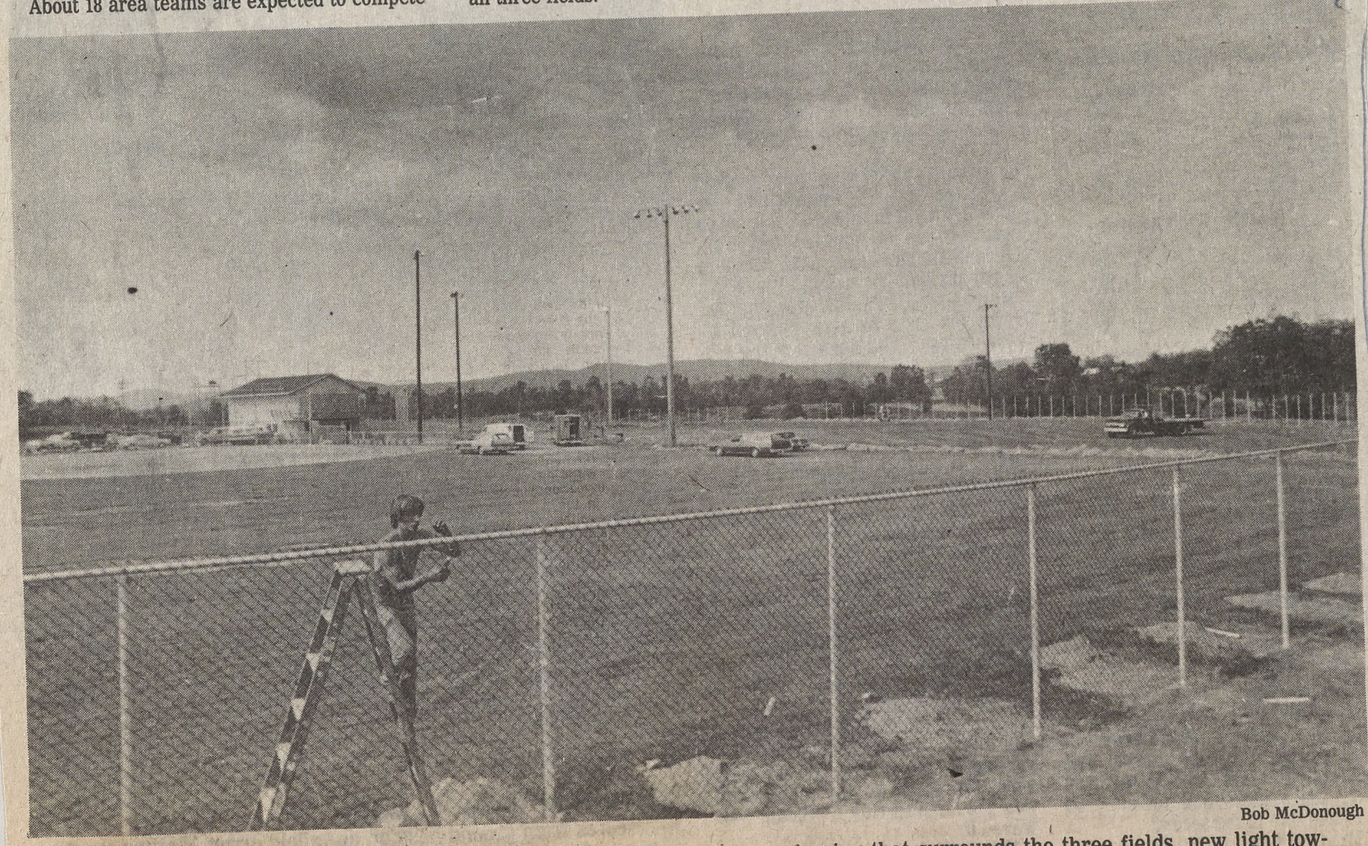
Tom Mucci, a soil consultant who has groomed The Bible Speaks fields in Lenox to perfection, has worked long hours on the soil and irrigation system at the new complex.

Plan launched in September

The opening of the complex is the culmination of a large-scale plan launched last September by the Berkshire County Slow-Pitch Softball League. They obtained a lease on the property from the city, and earlier this spring obtained a seasonal beer and wine license.

The league is currently playing its games at The Bible Speaks, but has targeted next week for its formal move to the new complex. The league is scheduled to host the State Class B tournament at the complex in July. That tournament and the concession stand at the clubhouse are expected to be the big money makers that will help pay the bills. But first, the public has to get out and see the complex.

"Just publicize the thing and it will boom," contractor Buratto offered. "People won't believe it."



Bob McDonough

FINAL PREPARATIONS for Saturday's debut of the Berkshire County Softball Complex on East Street are applied by Keith Martin of Revere Fence Co. This overall view shows the new fencing that surrounds the three fields, new light towers around the main field at right, field No. 1 at left and the two-story clubhouse at the rear.



BEFORE SOFTBALL was considered for the site, the city landfill behind the incinerator on East Street looked like this during a typical busy day in 1974.

Two local entries play tonight at Complex in state Class B tourney

The Massachusetts state Class B men's softball slow-pitch softball tournament swings into action tonight with three games slated for the Berkshire County Softball Complex on outer East Street in Pittsfield.

Both Berkshire County entries, the host Home Plate of Pittsfield and the county Class B champs, the Bible Speaks Stars of Lenox, will be in action tonight. The Home Plate meets the Franklin County champion at 6:30 and the Stars plays the Western sectional runner-up at 7:45. The Western section champion, Cabot and Burnett, will meet the Southwest champ in the third game at 9.

The double-elimination tournament will run throughout the weekend, with the finals slated for Sunday night. All games will be played at the Complex.

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Teo's places 4th

Meiley wins Class A fast-pitch softball tourney in Pittsfield

By Bob McDonough

Meiley Hot Top shook off a 7-0 loss in the final round to defeat fellow Lawrence team Chris' Ace of Clubs 3-2 in the championship game of the state Class A fast-pitch softball tournament yesterday at the Berkshire County Softball Complex.

Meiley's victory halted an upset bid by Chris', which had emerged from the losers' bracket by posting four straight victories to reach the championship game. The fourth win was the 7-0 conquest of Meiley, forcing the second championship game.

In the deciding game, Meiley rallied from a 1-0 deficit by scoring all three of its runs in the sixth inning, thanks to a two-run, opposite-field double by cleanup hitter Jim Runions and a single by Connie Heggarty that scored Runions.

Chris' had a chance to tie in the bottom of the sixth when team owner Chris DeCesare singled to right with runners on second and third and nobody out. Fred Simm scored on the play to make it 3-2, but Tim Napolitano was gunned down at home plate by Meiley right fielder Chuck Lombardo as he tried to score all the way from second. The mistake was costly, since Chris' could have had runners on first and third and no outs if Napolitano had held on third base.

Chris' final rally attempt in the seventh inning was thwarted when Meiley center fielder Lenny Lemieux made a spectacular, belly-flop catch on a ball hit by leadoff batter Tom Benjamin.



Mark Mitchell

HEAD-FIRST SLIDE by Jack Welch of Chris' Ace of Clubs enables him to score the first run in 7-0 victory over Meiley Hot Top in yesterday's final round of the state Class A fast-pitch softball tournament at the Berkshire County Softball Complex. Meiley went on to win championship game 3-2. Meiley catcher is Tom Mannion (2).

On to the regionals

By finishing first and second, both Meiley and Chris' earned a trip to the New England regional championship, which is scheduled at the end of the month in Framingham.

This weekend's tournament included nine teams, four from the Dalton Fast-Pitch Softball League and five from Eastern Massachusetts.

Meiley reached the finals by defeating Elbow Room of Dalton 5-3, P.J.'s Lounge of Dalton 11-0 and Club 40 of New Bedford 6-1. In those three games, No. 3 hitter Brian Dea led the offense by belting four homers, including two against Club 40. Steve Archer had a four-hitter in the shutout against P.J.'s.

Chris' Aces, a member of the same Lawrence-area league as Meiley, followed a more difficult path to the finals. They beat Hard Hat of Dalton 9-0 in their opener, then lost 3-2 to Club 40. They then went through the losers' bracket beating Sailor Bill's of Amesbury 5-0, Teo's of Dalton 3-1, Club 40 2-0 and Meiley 7-0. Pitcher Phil Dion led the way for Chris' yesterday, pitching a six-hitter in the win over Teo's, a four-hit shutout against Club 40 and a five-hit shutout against Meiley. Leadoff hitter Bill Fock had a solo homer and two-run triple to lead the offense in the win over Meiley.

In the championship game, Dion and Meiley's Don Conroy traded shutouts through four innings, with Chris' breaking the ice with an unearned run in the top of the fifth. Conroy ended up with a five-hitter and Dion a six-hitter, and both struck out two.

Teo's wins three

Among the four Berkshire County teams, Dalton league-leader Teo's fared the best, posting a 3-2 record to finish in fourth place. P.J.'s Lounge, Hard Hat and Elbow Room were all 1-2.

Teo's wins were 2-1 over Hard Hat, 9-3 over Tripoli Club of Lawrence and 5-0 over P.J.'s. Tom Boino's RBI triple with two out in the bottom of the seventh delivered the winning run in the thrilling win over Hard Hat, as Frank DeAngelis hurled a five-hitter. Kevin Porter had a triple, double and single and Boino added two hits in the win over Tripoli Club. George Bigelow hurled a five-hit shutout and Boino and Dave Amirault had two hits each in the win over P.J.'s. Teo's lost 12-2 to Club 40, and was eliminated by the 3-1 loss to Chris'. Porter had two doubles and a single in the final loss.

Hard Hat nipped Sailor Bill's 9-8, but fell 2-1 to Teo's and 7-0 to Chris'. Elbow Room, after beating Tripoli Club 1-0 on Jim Farry's three-hitter Friday, fell 5-3 to Meiley and 10-6 to Sailor Bill's. P.J.'s won by forfeit over a team from Lawrence that failed to show up, then lost 12-0 to Meiley and 5-0 to Teo's.

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Skating lessons to start Wednesday

Ice skating lessons for adults will be offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pittsfield Figure Skating Club on four Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon at the Boys' Club rink on Melville Street.

Sessions are scheduled for Nov. 17 and 24 and Dec. 1 and 8. Each session will include two hours of ice time and one lesson.

Skating will be taught by Linda Burgess, a professional skating instructor. Ms. Burgess is a gold medalist, the highest rating given by the United States Figure Skating Association.

Preschool children, accompanied by parents, may take these lessons as well as adults.

The fee for the four sessions is $12, payable at the Boys' Club before this week's session.

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Lessons in skating offered by Park Dept.

The city Department of Parks and Recreation is holding a children's learn-to-skate program at the Boys' Club rink Dec. 27-30.

To be held daily from 9 to 10 a.m., the program is open to boys and girls from age 6 to 12 who live in Pittsfield. Instruction is geared to beginners, with children being placed in groups according to ability and age.

Registration will be from 7 to 8 Monday evening at Springside House at 874 North St. A $4 user fee must be paid when registering. If vacancies remain, phone registrations will be accepted on Tuesday.

May 10, 1982

Summer soccer loop schedules meeting

SOCCER: The Pittsfield Parks Department's Summer Soccer League will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday night at 7 at the Parks Department offices in the Springside House at 874 North St.

Anyone interested in coaching or officiating in the league this year is asked to attend. Anyone who wishes to help the league in any capacity but will not be able to attend the meeting should contact Al Belanger at his home on Wealthy Avenue.

Belanger, the head boys' soccer coach at Pittsfield High, and Pete Larkin, head boys' coach at Taconic, will again serve as co-directors for the summer program.

* * May 14, 1982

SOCCER: The Pittsfield Itam Soccer Club will take on the Berkshire Aeros of Westfield Sunday in a West State League senior amateur soccer game at Clapp Park.

The Itam team goes into the game with a record of 1-3, while the Westfield club has a 3-1 mark. Game time is set for 2:30.

Pittsfield's other West State League entry, the Teo's International Soccer Club, will be on the road Sunday for a game against the LaMolisawa Soccer Club in Hampden. Starting time there is also set for 2:30.

Internationals top Springfield booters 2-0

The Teo's International Soccer Club of Pittsfield raised its West State League record to 3-2 yesterday with a 2-0 win over the previously-unbeaten Springfield Italia Club in a senior amateur game played at Clapp Park.

The Internationals scored both their goals in the first half, with Dean DiMassimo connecting off an assist from Dan Farley and Dick Bishop adding the second tally on a penalty kick.

Al Russell posted the shutout in goal for the Teo's club, making 10 saves.

MAY 24 1982

PARK DEPT SOCCER

70-mile canoe

SUMMER SOCCER: Registration and tryouts for the Pittsfield Parks Department's Summer Soccer program will begin tomorrow at 10 a.m. inside the Taconic High School track.

There will also be registration and tryout sessions Monday and Tuesday nights at 6:30.

Any player wishing to play in the league this year must sign up at one of the registration sessions whether they played in the program last year or not. Any new players or any players moving up from one division to another this year should also attend at least two of the three tryout sessions.

The league once again will have three divisions. The Peewee Division is for players age 8-10, the Junior Division is for players ages 11-13 and the Senior Division is for all players age 14 and over who will be eligible for high school soccer this coming fall. A player's division is determined by his or her age as of June 1.

There will be an equipment fee charged to help the league cover costs of operations and team jerseys. Players will, however, be allowed to keep their jerseys at the end of the season, and the equipment fee wil be charged in lieu of any other fund-raising activity during the season.

Pittsfield High varsity coach Al Belanger and Taconic head coach Pete Larkin are co-directors of the program.

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Summer soccer league sets registration

SOCCER REGISTRATION: The Pittsfield Parks Department summer soccer league will conduct registration and tryouts June 5, June 7 and June 8 at the Taconic High field. The opening Saturday session will be at 10 a.m. and the next two will be at 6:30 p.m.

League directors Al Belanger and Pete Larkin said anyone interested in playing must sign up in person on these dates, regardless of whether they have previously played in the program. New players, and players moving up a division, should attend at least two of the sessions.

Belanger said the league will have an equipment fee again this season, paying for league expenses and jerseys that the players can keep. The league will have three divisions, for players aged 8-10, 11-13 and 14 through high school. A player's division will be based on the age on June 1.

There will be a meeting of coaches and officials next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Park Department headquarters at 874 North St. Coaches and officials are still being sought, especially for the older division.

Summer Soccer League results

The Senior Division Cosmos, Junior Division Tea Men and Pee Wee Division Tea Men all chalked up three wins in recent Summer Soccer League action.

In the Seniors, the Cosmos knocked off the Metros 4-1, the Stars 1-0 and the Rowdies 3-1. Dave Cooke had two goals and Laki Vazakas and Ron Meehan one each against the Metros, which had a goal by Pete Farley. Meehan's goal beat the Stars, and Cooke scored twice and Mike Chamberlin once against the Rowdies. Scott Durfee had the Rowdies' lone goal.

In other Senior action, Durfee and Farley each had a goal as the Rowdies and Metros tied 1-1, and Keino West and Rick Wlodkowski scored goals as the Stars blanked the Rowdies 2-0.

In the Juniors, the Tea Men made victims of the Metros 6-0, the Stars 3-0 and the Cosmos 2-0. Scott Nichols had four goals and John Bowlby and Willy Cooke one each against the Metros. Paul Bowlby, Jim Wlodkowski and Miles Robinson scored against the Stars, and Cooke and Paul Trudeau hit the net against the Cosmos.

In the other Junior contests, the Cosmos and Stars played to a 0-0 tie, the Metros nipped the Cosmos 3-2 and the Stars topped the Cosmos 1-0 on a goal by Billy Wheat.

In the Pee Wees, Brian Reardon had the hot foot, scoring 10 goals to help the Tea Men defeat the Metros 7-0, the Cosmos 8-0, and the Metros again 11-2. Reardon had six goals and Beth Hurley one in the first win over the Metros. Tom Dawley scored three goals, Reardon and Bob Barzottini two each and Hurley one against the Cosmos. Barzottini and Dawley had three each, Reardon and Matt Vanasse two each and Jamie Virgilio one in the second win over the Metros. Mark Mendonsa had both of Metros' goals.

In other Pee Wee action, the Rowdies won two games, 4-0 over the Cosmos and 6-2 over the Tea Men, and the Cosmos blanked the Metros 7-0. Al Barbalunga had three goals and Abbey Cook one in the Rowdies' win over the Cosmos, and Barbalunga had four more and Garrett Politis and Matt Scarafoni one each in the win over the Tea Men. Reardon and Virgilio scored for the Tea Men. Rob Grady netted six goals and Shawn Keegan had another in the Cosmos' win over the Metros.

JUL 15 1982



Dan Furlano

SEP 3 1982

SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS in the Pittsfield Parks Department summer soccer program were the Tea Men, who went 6-1-1 to win the regular-season title and then won the double-elimination playoffs with a 3-1 mark. Team members include, from left to right: front row — Rick Blei, Brian Tremblay, Steve Conlon, Jeff Katz, Kevin Stannard and Bob Principe; back row — Jeff Chandler, Pat Collins, Greg Schillaci, Troy Robinson, Jeff Robarge, Bob Cleary, Matt Casteel and Eric Blau. Coach Kevin Burke, Paul Bills, Barron Raser, Chris Smith and Paul Masiero were absent when the picture was taken.

SEP 7 1982



Dan Furlano

PEEWEE DIVISION CHAMPIONS in the Pittsfield Parks Department summer soccer program were the Rowdies, who won with a record of 11-1. Team members include, from left to right: front row — Richard McClain, Molly Kelly, Abbey Cooke, Chris Evans and Joe Jablonski; back row — coach Beth Luciani, Matt Scarafoni, Garrett Politis, Nikki Gaynor, Laurie Atkinson and coach Nicole Gary. Al Barbalunga, Andrea Barbalunga, Cedric Clark, Susan Kalib, Elizabeth Sawyer, Jenny Smith and Anneke VanRenesse were absent when the picture was taken.

SEP 14 1982



Dan Furlano

JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS in the Pittsfield Parks Department's summer soccer program this year were the Tea Men, who finished with a record of 8-1-1 and went 4-1 to win the double-elimination post-season playoffs. Team members include, from left to right: front row — Becky Smith, Kate Archey, Susan Blood, Ari Mellon, Scott Nichols, Jamie Hurley, Jim Wlodkowski and John Wlodkowski; back row — coach Paul Malatesta, Rob Connors, Willy Cooke, Kevin Pignone, Paul Bowlby, Miles Robinson, John Heil, Billy Cox, Mo Barrett and coach Dan Reder. John Bowlby, Sue Dahrouge, Bob DiVergilio and Mike Trudeau were absent when the picture was taken.

JAN 6 1982

SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen and Karl Franz of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club captured their class titles over the weekend at Lake Placid, N.Y., in the Eastern Seaboard Outdoor Speed Skating Championships. A field of 87 from the United States and Canada competed.

Goguen won the masters' class with victories in the 300, 500, 800, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000-meter events. Franz, who has moved up into the intermediate class this year, was first in the 300, 800, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000-meter races and was second in the 500-meter.

Joe Franz, who has advanced this year to the junior class, finished second in the 300, 800 and 1,000 and third in the 500 and 1,500.

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25 Years Ago JAN 11 1982

Miss Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield's former national midget- and juvenile-girls skating champion, was teaching special beginners' classes at the common.

JAN 13 1982

Eleven skaters from local club in weekend meet

Eleven members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club braved the frigid weather over the weekend to compete in the 50th annual Eastern States Outdoor Speed Skating Championships at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. A field of 127 skaters from the United States and Canada participated.

In the masters' class, Alex Goguen won the 500-meter race and placed third in the 300, 800, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000. Pony girl Marka Mendonsa won the 100-meter, placed second in the 400 and third in the 200 and 300 events.

Peewee girl Marisa Mendonsa finished third in the 100 and 300 and fourth in the 400. Junior boy Joe Franz was third in the 500 and fourth in the 1,500.

Midget girls Heather Vilot was fourth in the 200 meter event. Missey Vilot took first in the 100 and second in the 50-meter in the novice division of the peewee class.

In the Old Timers 1,000-meter race Peter Franz placed third and Mary Lou Brombach DiNicola, the only woman in the race, was fifth.

Other PPSCC members who competed were intermediate boy Karl Franz, midget boy David Vilot and novice peewee girl Marie Mendonsa.

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SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen, veteran local speed skater, took first place in the World Senior Citizens' Sprint Championship at the Ottawa (Canada) Winterlude over the weekend. The competition was for skaters 60 to 80 years of age and the winner was determined by the total time for two 200-meter sprints and two 400-meter sprints run over a period of two days.

Goguen, 61, took the title with a time of 126.91 seconds, almost eight seconds faster than the runner-up time.

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Winter Sports Committee plans banquet March 12

The annual banquet of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. of the Department of Parks and Recreation will be March 12 at Latshaw's Restaurant. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. following cocktails at 6.

Reservations are to be made by Friday, March 5, with Thomas J. Angelini, chairman, or by calling Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee at the park department office. The public is invited.

FEB 20 1982

Two champions to skate at indoor meet tomorrow

Two of the top speed skaters in North America are scheduled to compete tomorrow in the Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams. Meet Chairman Carl Peaslee said the meet will start at noon and admission is free.

The spotlight will be on 26-year-old Louis Baril of Quebec, Canada, the 1981 men's World Indoor Champion, and Maura D'Andrea of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a 14-year-old who has already won the National and North American Outdoor championships this season. In 1981 she won the National and North American Outdoor titles and in 1980 the National and North American Outdoor and Indoor titles as a midget.

About 65 skaters are expected to compete, including Pittsfield's Marka, Marisa and Marie Mendosa; Heather, David and Missey Vilot; Janice and June Bromback; Alycia Sacco, Jason Vanhoenacker, Joe Franz and Alex Goguen.

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee is sponsoring the meet as part of the 37th annual Winter Carnival. 1982 Pittsfield Winter Carnival Queen Linda Sullivan will present trophies.

Area sports

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Goguen wins two speed skating titles

Veteran speed skater Alex Goguen won two titles over the weekend at Long Beach (N.Y.) Coliseum. Saturday he took the honors in the 60-64 division of the Senior Olympics Indoors and yesterday he was the winner in the Masters' Division, 40 and over, in the Eastern Seaboard Speed Skating Championships.

Goguen swept all four events in the Senior Olympics. He was first in the 200-meter race, the 400-meter, the 800 and the 1,500. In the Eastern Seaboard he was the winner of the 500, 800 and 1,500 and was second in the 1,000.

Pony girl Marka Mendonsa, also a member of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, tied for the title in her division. She had firsts in the 200 and 400, a second in the 300 and a third in the 500. Goguen and Mendonsa were the only local skaters in the event.

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SOFTBALL MEETING: The first in a series of Amateur Softball Association clinics for prospective new umpires has been scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Pittsfield Boys' Club. The clinic will be conducted by Berkshire County Umpire-in-chief Ed Ladley, who will distribute rule books and discuss new rules and the umpires' examination.

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MAR 11 1982

Winter sports dinner will be Friday night

The annual Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee banquet will be Friday night at Latshaw's restaurant.

Cocktails will be from 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner at 7. Entertainment will follow.

The election of the 1982-83 officers will be held before the dinner.

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SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen and Karl Franz of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club captured recent speed skating championships in New York state.

Goguen, the veteran local champion who was skating in the age 60-64 division, won all four events — the 200-meter, 500-meter, 1,000-meter and 1,500-meter — in the Senior Outdoor Olympics at Lake Placid. He had swept all four events earlier this month in the Senior Indoor Olympics at Long Beach, N.Y.

Franz won the intermediate boys' title at the Middle Atlantic Outdoor Speed Skating Championships in Newburgh, N.Y. He was first in the 500-meter, 800-meter and 1,000-meter events and was third in the 200 and 1,500. At the same meet, Goguen placed second in the 300 and 1,500 and fourth in the 500 and 1,000 in the masters class.

MAR 13 1982

Winter sports board will wind up season

The Pittsfield Winter Sport Committee will hold its final meeting of the 1981-82 season on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House.

Final written reports are to be submitted at this meeting by all event chairmen who have not yet done so, committee officials said.

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SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen, 62, of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club reached the semifinals in four different events in the Senior (ages 18-and-over) Class of the Empire State Games last Saturday and Sunday at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Goguen, skating against men more than half his age, qualified for the semifinals in the 400, 800, 1000 and 1500 meter distances before bowing out of the competition. The Pittsfield resident usually competes in the Masters Division (ages 40 plus), but there was no Master Division at the meet.

Other club members doing well at the meet included David, Heather and Missy Vilot and Marka and Marisa Mendonsa. David Vilot won the midget (ages 10 and 11) boys' championship of the Lake Placid Exhibition Meet, skating distances of 200, 300, 400 and 500 meters. Heather Vilot took first place in the midget girl 200 meter event and seconds in the 300, 400 and 500 meter races. Missy had a third in the 200 meter peewee (ages 8 and under) race.

Marka Mendonsa placed second in the 400 meter girls' pony (ages 8 and 9) race and finished third in the 100, 200 and 300 meter races. Marisa raced in the pee wee class and ended up third in the 400 and fourth in the 100 and 300 meter events.

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Winter sports group elects 1982-83 officers

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has elected Fred P. Garner Sr. chairman for the 1982-83 season.

Garner was chosen at the committee's annual banquet at Latshaw's Restaurant on March 12.

Other officers elected were Herbert "Spike" Jones, vice chairman; Hope E. Mesnig, secretary; Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee, treasurer, and Mrs. Herbert Jones, historian.

Park Commission Chairman Paula J. Virgilio presented certificates of appreciation to all the chairmen of Winter Carnival events in recognition of their efforts.

The Winter Sports Committee consists of about 125 volunteers who assist in staging the Winter Carnival each year.

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SPEED SKATING: Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club pony girl Marka Mendonsa placed third overall in her class in the Troy Indoor Speed Skating Championships held over the weekend at the RPI Houston Field House. Mendonsa was one of the skaters receiving her award from Beth Heiden, a member of the 1980 Olympic speed skating team and outstanding woman bicyclist. Mendonsa placed second in the 200-meter and took thirds in the 300 and 400 events.

Three other members of the Pittsfield club scored points. Senior man Alex Goguen won the 400-meter and placed third in the 1,500. Midget girl Heather Vilot had a third in the 200. Peewee girl Marisa Mendonsa placed fourth in the 200- and 300-meter races.

The meet was run in conjunction with the U.S. Short Track Team trials. Eighteen men and 18 women were chosen for the team with the top four men and top four women point scorers being placed on the World's Team, which will represent the United States at the World Short Track Championships at Moncton, New Brunswick, Can.

Four Eastern skaters, who have competed in meets at Pittsfield, made the national team. They are Maura D'Andrea of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Beth Nowell of Winchester, both 14 years old, and 15-year-olds John Sand of Stratford, Conn., and Eric Flaim of Pembroke.

Pittsfield officials, who participated in the meet, were Mrs. Pat Ryan, chief clerk of the course; Carl Peaslee, chief judge; Mrs. Mary Smith, chief scorer; Tom Ryan, clerk of the course; and Mrs. Patricia Peaslee, scorer.

25 Years Ago

The First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, oldest church organization in Berkshire County, dedicated a new addition to its meetinghouse and a remodeled assembly room. The new addition, known as the John Sargent Memorial, consisted mostly of classrooms for Sunday school. The assembly room was named in honor of Jonathan Edwards, the second pastor of the church.

Mary Lou Bromback, Pittsfield's national and North American speedskating champion in the girls' intermediate division, was honored by the Exchange Club at its weekly meeting at the Rosa Restaurant. She was presented a charm bracelet by club president Simeon H. Decelles.

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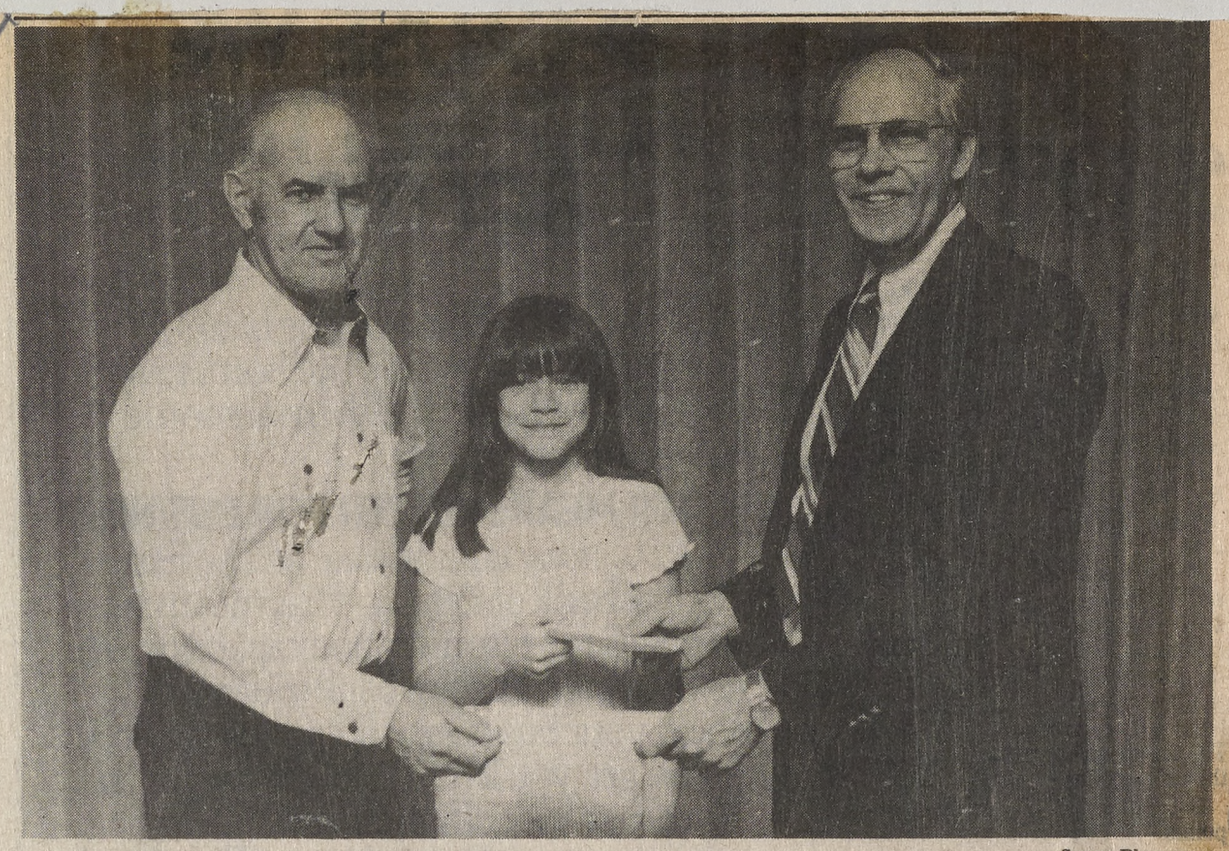
Deadline extended for winter sports aid applications

The financial support committee of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee said yesterday it has extended the deadline for filing applications for financial assistance until Tuesday.

Winter sports competitors who have earned the right to participate in district or national competition based on their performance in local competition are eligible to file for financial assistance.

Application forms may be obtained at the Park Department office, 874 North St. Additional information may be obtained from committee members Carl Peaslee, Charles Goodrich and Thomas Angelini.

The previous deadline for applications was tomorrow.



Susan Plageman

OUTSTANDING performers of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club Alex Goguen, left, and Marka Mendonsa were recognized at the skaters annual banquet last night. Goguen and Mendonsa were presented checks by Carl Peaslee, right, of the Winter Sports Committee to help defray travel expenses.

MAY 6 1982

Checks to PPSSC, Alex Goguen highlight skaters' banquet

Presentations of checks by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. to the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club and to speed skater Alex Goguen were among the highlights of the annual banquet for the skaters at GEAA last night. The sum of $500 was accepted by club president William Mendonsa Jr. The money will be used to help defray the cost of new uniforms this season.

Goguen's check was in special consideration for his outstanding performances in the Northeast, the Senior Outdoor, the Indoor Senior Olympics and the World Senior Citizens Sprint Championships at Ottawa, Can. Goguen's accomplishments of four championships and 124 points were noted at the banquet. He was the overall masters champion in the Northern New York Skating Association of which the local club is a member.

Others outstanding

Outstanding accomplishments of other club members also were mentioned. Karl Franz had three championships and 71 points and tied for the Northern New York intermediate boy outdoor championship. Joe Franz had 39 points and was the NNY's junior boy outdoor champion. Marka Mendonsa had three championships and 85 points and was runner-up in the pony class. Heather Vilot had 40 points and was NNY runner-up in the midget class and David Vilot had 20 points and one championship in the midget class.

The local club was represented in 13 meets and scored a total of 413 points and took 10 championships and one co-championship.

The Winter Sports Committee also has announced the allotment of money to other deserving winter sports competitors, the St. Joseph's High School Booster Club and the Pittsfield School Athletic Fund. A total of $2,074 was disbursed.

Assistance in the amounts of $400 was given to the St. Joseph's, Pittsfield and Taconic schools divided equally between the hockey and ski teams at each of the schools.

Other individuals receiving assistance were downhill skier Amy Tucker of Bousquet Ski Area and free style skier Todd Tuggey of Jiminy Peak.

Winners in the club's drawing last night were E.J. Skowron, $100, Val Avery, $50, and Vincent Hebert, $25.

Summer Soccer League results

Al Barbalnga and Garrett Politis scored three goals each and Matt Scarafoni added a pair of tallies as the Rowdies rolled to an 8-1 win over the Cosmos in the Peewee Division of the Pittsfield Parks Department Summer Soccer League.

Eric Keegan scored the lone goal for the Cosmos.

In other Peewee action, Barbalunga, Scarafoni and Joe Jablonski each had two goals to lead the Rowdies to a 6-1 win over the Tea Men, while Shawn Keegan scored two goals and Tim Grady and Jason Vamhoenacker connected once each as the Cosmos downed the Tea Men 4-3. Jamie Virgilio, Tom Dawley and Brian Reardon scored in that game for the Teas.

Barbalunga scored five goals and Scarafoni added three tallies as the Rowdies routed the Metros 12-0, while Bob Barzottini scored two goals and Brian Reardon and Beckey Geary added one marker each as the Tea Men blanked the Metros 4-0.

Junior Division play was marked by a pair of scoreless ties as the Stars and the Tea Men as well as the Cosmos and Metros both battled to 0-0 deadlocks.

In other action, goals by Pete Lapointe and Mike Belanger offset a goal by Ray LeBeau as the Metros edged the Stars 2-1, while LeBeau and Jeff Quadrozzi had two goals apiece as the Stars blanked the Metros 5-0.

A goal by Paul Bowlby was the only score of the game as the Tea Men nipped the Metros 1-0, while, in other action, the Cosmos topped the Tea Men by a 4-2 count.

In the Senior Division, Barton Razor had two goals and Chris Smith and Steve Conlon contributed one score apiece as the Tea Men downed the Rowdies 4-1.

The Tea Men and Stars played to a 4-4 tie with Kevin Stannard, Matt Casteel, Greg Shellaci and Eric Blau scoring for the Tea Men while Keino West, Jim Nichols, Andy Barbas and Brian Casey countered for the Stars.

Pete Farley's two goals gave the Metros a 2-1 triumph over the Rowdies, while goals by Greg Shellaci and Jeff Katz powered the Tea Men to a 2-0 victory over the Metros.

In other action, the Metros downed the Stars 3-1, the Tea Men nipped the Cosmos 4-3 and the Cosmos edged the Stars 2-1.

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OCT 4 1982

Registration set for skating clinic

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will take registrations for its annual learn-to-skate program on Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Park Department office, 874 North St.

The clinic will run Oct. 18 through 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Boys' Club rink. The first half-hour of ice time will be devoted to instruction and the second half-hour to practice. Fun races will be held on Thursday, and on Friday a mini speed skating clinic will be offered to those interested. The program is for Pittsfield residents only and is open to boys and girls kindergarten through Grade 12.

No phone registrations will be accepted unless vacancies remain following the Wednesday evening registration, the Park Department said. Phone registration would then be accepted Thursday at the Park Department office.

The Park Department said it is strictly a learn-to-skate program and no one taking part in the local hockey, figure and speed-skating programs will be allowed to register. A $5 registration fee will charged to help defray the cost of running the program.

OCT 4 1982

Speed Skating Club will meet Wednesday

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday at 7:30 at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at 874 North St.

SPEED SKATING: The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club has announced that there are still a few vacancies in its learn-to-skate program for children in kindergarten through Grade 12. The program, for Pittsfield residents only, will run next Monday through Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Boys' Club rink.

There is a $5 registration fee to cover the cost of the program. Registrations may be made by contacting the Park Department at 874 North St.

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SKATE CLUB BENEFIT: The Pittsfield Parks Department Speed Skating and the Kiwanis Club will conduct a balloon sale during tonight's Pittsfield Halloween Parade. Half the proceeds will benefit the skating club programs and half will support the Kiwanis Club scholarship fund.

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SPEED SKATING: The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club is recruiting new members. Anyone interested in is invited to be the guest of the club for the next three Tuesday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 at its indoor speed-skating sessions at the Boys' Club rink.

Mary Lou Bromback DiNicola returns as coach.

The club is also seeking speed skates and jigs, the devices used in sharpening them.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Department of Parks and Recreation office.

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SPEED SKATING: Marka Mendonsa of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club captured her first championship in the midget girls' class Saturday in the Greenwich Ice Skating Races and the Connecticut Indoor Speed Skating Meet at the Dorothy Hamill rink in Greenwich, Conn.

Mendonsa won both the 200- and 300-meter events, while her sister Marisa finished second in the 300-meter race and third in the 200-yard event in the pony division.

The meet was sponsored by the Dorothy Hamill Skating Club and the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

NOV 17 1982

Area sports

SEP 10 1982

Touch football opens tonight at Complex

TOUCH FOOTBALL: Three games tonight will kick off the 1982 season of the Al Bianchi Adult Touch Football League, which has moved this season from Lakewood Field to the new Berkshire County Softball Complex on outer East Street.

All games this season are scheduled for Friday night, with three games each Friday through Oct. 29. Games are scheduled for 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. The rain date each week will be the following Sunday morning, with games at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30, if necessary.

This year's league again has six teams, with two divisions for the first time. The American Division teams are Sports Inc. (last year's champion as New York Life), Nel's and Jimmy's. National Division teams are Altiere's, Itam and The Dugout. Each team plays seven league games, including two against each team in its division and one each against the teams in the other division. The playoffs will be Nov. 7 and 14, with the championship game scheduled Nov. 21.

The Complex concession stand, with food, soft drinks, wine and beer, will be open during the games. Spectators can also watch the games from indoors in case of inclement weather.

The league's schedule is as follows, with 6:30 games listed first, then 7:30 and 8:30:

TONIGHT — Nel's vs. Itam, Sports Inc. vs. Altiere's, Jimmy's vs. Dugout; **SEPT. 17** — Sports Inc. vs. Dugout, Jimmy's vs. Itam, Altiere's vs. Nel's; **SEPT. 24** — Nel's vs. Jimmy's, Altiere's vs. Dugout, Sports Inc. vs. Itam; **OCT. 1** — Sports Inc. vs. Jimmy's, Altiere's vs. Itam, Nel's vs. Dugout; **OCT. 8** — Itam vs. Dugout, Altiere's vs. Jimmy's, Sports Inc. vs. Nel's; **OCT. 15** — Sports Inc. vs. Nel's (7 p.m.), Altiere's vs. Itam (8 p.m.); **OCT. 22** — Nel's vs. Jimmy's (7), Itam vs. Dugout; **OCT. 29** — Sports Inc. vs. Jimmy's (7), Altiere's vs. Dugout; **NOV. 7** — Second-place teams play off with third-place teams in each division, American 10 a.m., National 11 a.m.; **NOV. 14** — Nov. 7 winners play first-place teams in each division, American 10 a.m., National 11 a.m.; **NOV. 21** — Championship game (10:30 a.m.)

TOUCH FOOTBALL: Sports Inc. will take on Nel's and Altiere's of North Adams will face the Dugout of Dalton Sunday in semifinal playoff games in the Al Bianchi Adult Touch Football League.

Altiere's and the Dugout will square off at 10 a.m. while Sports Inc. will meet Nel's at 11. Both games are scheduled for the Berkshire County Softball Complex.

Altiere's edged Itam 6-0 in overtime and defending champion Sports Inc. downed Jimmy's 23-0 in opening-round action last week, while the Dugout and Nel's had byes by virtue of being regular-season divisional champions.

The winners of Sunday's games will meet Nov. 20 for the league playoff championship.

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Bianchi League touch football

Sports Inc., Dugout win to reach finals

Defending champion Sports Inc. and the Dugout of Dalton yesterday posted semifinal playoff wins and earned berths in the Al Bianchi Adult Touch Football League championship game next Sunday.

The Dugout, now 7-1 on the season, advanced to the finals by scoring a 16-8 victory over Altiere's of North Adams, while Sports Inc., now 6-3, blanked Nel's 17-0 in the second game of yesterday's doubleheader at the Berkshire County Softball Complex.

Those two teams will meet there for the championship Sunday morning at 10:30.

In the first game, quarterback Ron Snyder threw for two touchdowns and two conversions as the Dugout downed Altiere's.

Snyder put the Dugout on the board in the first quarter, when he hit Terry Coholan first on a 25-yard touchdown pass and then on the two-point conversion.

After the ensuing kickoff, the North Adams team scored on its first play from scrimmage when Jack Rivard fired a 77-yard scoring pass to Joe Altiere. But a Rivard pass failed on the conversion, and that proved to be as close as Altiere's got.

The Dugout went up 16-6 when Snyder hit Coholan again with a 1-yard touchdown pass in the fourth period, and then threw to Jack Quinn for the conversion.

Final score

The final Altiere's score came on a fourth-quarter safety, when Snyder inadvertently stepped out of his own end zone while scrambling as he attempted to throw.

A late Altiere's drive was stopped at the Dugout 25, when Guy Boos intercepted a Rivard pass.

In the nightcap, Joe Kamienski threw a pair of touchdown passes and Paul Metallo sparked a solid defensive effort with three pass interceptions as Sports Inc. downed Nel's, the regular-season American Division champion.

The only score of the first half came when Sports Inc.'s Keith Lang sacked Nel's quarterback Jeff Gifford in the end zone for a safety.

But Sports Inc. pulled away in the second half, with Kamienski throwing an 8-yard touchdown pass to John Barbarotta in the third quarter and a 14-yard scoring toss to Jim Brennan. Kamienski also threw to Brennan for one conversion, while Larry McMahon kicked the other.

Kamienski, defense lead Sports Inc. to title

By Bob McDonough

Veteran quarterback Joe Kamienski passed for 170 yards and two touchdowns, and his teammates picked off eight passes yesterday as Sports Inc. defeated The Dugout 23-0 to capture the championship of the Al Bianchi Adult Touch Football League at the Berkshire County Softball Complex.

The championship was the fifth straight, and sixth in seven years for the team, which until this season had been sponsored by New York Life. Sports Inc., which had lost two of its first three games, finished 7-3 and The Dugout finished 7-2.

Interceptions were the key to the victory, setting up three of the winners' four scores. Wayne Murphy, Pete Libardi and coach Paul Metallo each picked off two of Ron Snyder's aerials, and Pepe Barbarotta and Larry McMahon snagged one each.

The only score not set up by an interception was the first, as Kamienski scrambled from the pocket and hit Jim "Fix" Brennan for a 31-yard touchdown pass with less than two minutes left in the first quarter. The score completed a six-play, 57-yard drive following a Dugout punt.

Three consecutive penalties (two unsportsmanlike conduct, one illegal procedure) on The Dugout set the stage for the second Sports Inc. touchdown less than a minute later. Backed up to his own 2-yard line, Snyder was chased from the pocket and tried passing across the grain, only to loft the ball into the waiting hands of Barbarotta, who needed only a short hop into the enemy end zone to make it 12-0.

The Dugout's only other scoring threat in the half ended at the Sports Inc. 11, where Barbarotta tipped a Snyder pass into Murphy's hands for the third interception of the half.

That interception sparked a 10-play scoring drive for Sports Inc., which concluded with a 36-yard field goal by McMahon that gave his team a 15-0 halftime lead.

The second half was a total nightmare for The Dugout, which saw all five of its drives halted by interceptions.

The second interception of the half, by Libardi at the Dugout 19, set up the final scoring drive, which concluded with a one-yard toss from Kamienski to Brennan on the first play of the fourth quarter. Kamienski then hit John Barbarotta with a conversion pass to put the final points on the board.

The Dugout's fourth-quarter comeback effort was thwarted by interceptions, by Libardi at the Sports Inc. 5, by Metallo at the Sports Inc. 34 and by Metallo again at the Dugout 37.

Kamienski, who completed 17 of 38 passes en route to the 170 yards, was named the games offensive MVP, and Murphy was the defensive MVP.

Brennan was Kamienski's favorite target, catching five passes for 84 yards and the two scores. John Barbarotta and Jim Farry each caught four. Snyder was 16-for-32 for 149 yards.

"Experience did show," Metallo said of his veteran squad. "We're not as old as people thought."



Mark Mitchell

INTENSE PRESSURE from onrushing Dugout defenders didn't prevent Larry McMahon's 36-yard field goal from clearing the crossbar in first half of yesterday's 23-0 victory by Sports Inc. in the championship game of the Al Bianchi Adult Touch Football League. Rick Naughton is the holder, and John Barbarotta blocks at right.

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BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League, a baseball program for players age 16 through 18, is desperately in need of coaches and other adult officials for the coming season.

The league needs coaches, managers and adults to serve on the league's board of directors, and if there is not a sufficient response, new president Ed Daley said the league may be in danger of folding.

"This is a pivotal year for us," said Daley. "If we don't get more response this year than what we've had in the past, we're in big trouble. This is when we have to decide whether to go on with it or not. We've got a good program, and the interest is there among the kids, but we can't make it without help from the parents."

Anyone interested in helping the league in any capacity may contact Daley at his home on Gravesleigh Terrace, or call the Pittsfield Parks Department, which sponsors the local league.

The league, which served 90 players on six teams last summer, is slated to begin its fifth season this June.

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Senior Babe Ruth League

Maiorano's rolled to a 17-2 victory over the Sons of Italy. Cliff Smead was the winning pitcher and drove in one of his team's runs with a double. Losing pitcher Tom Curry had two hits and drove in both the Sons of Italy runs.

The first-half standings:

Maiorano's 4-0; Burger King 3-2; Sports Inc. 2-3; Mystic Lodge 2-3; Sons of Italy 2-3; Eagles 1-3.

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JUL 9 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Tony Arpante went 4-for-4 and drove in five runs to lead VFW over G.E. 22-1 last night in Babe Ruth League baseball, in a game ended after 4½ innings by the 15-run rule.

Among Arpante's hits were two doubles. Winning pitcher Jeff Colbert helped his own cause with a double and two RBI. Joe Esposito was the losing pitcher.

Babe Ruth Senior League

Four was the lucky number for Senior Babe Ruth League teams this week, as the Eagles topped Burger King 4-1 and Sports Inc. knocked off Sons of Italy 4-2.

Wayne McCauley hurled a 2-hitter last night for the Eagles. Greg Fick contributed three hits, and Bob Munger and Mike Skowron had two each for the winners. One of Skowron's hits was a triple. Losing pitcher Marty Ferris had a single and his team's only RBI.

Winning pitcher Mark Andrew tossed a four-hitter as Sports Inc. spoiled a fine one-hit mound effort by the Sons of Italy's Don Ferguson. A double by Jim Foss was the only hit off Ferguson, and Joe Mazzarella added a sacrifice fly for the winners.

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Babe Ruth League results

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VFW scored in every inning en route to a 14-7 Babe Ruth League victory over Gildo Auto Body. Winning pitcher Dave Angeli had two hits, including a triple, and scored three runs. Peter DiTomasso and Ed Ladley also had two hits each for the winners, and combined for three RBI. Starter Bob Sweeney took the loss for Gildo.

Babe Ruth Senior League

Jeff Chandler was the winning pitcher while Charlie Caparella and Jim DiMaina banged out triples as Maiorano's downed the Mystic Lodge 9-3 in the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League.

Sean Carroll had a single and a triple and Mark Provencher a single and a double for the losers.

In other action, Tom Curry pitched a three-hitter, struck out nine and had a single and a double to lead the Sons of Italy to a 14-1 triumph over Burger King. Mike Mangiardi hit the league's first home run of the season and also added a double for Itam, while Peter Sykes, John Simonsen and Paul Albano had two hits each. Losing pitcher Ed Astore knocked in the lone run with a single for Burger King.

Jim Foss had two singles and a triple and Mark Andrew banged a two-run triple to lead Sports Inc. to an 8-5 victory over the Eagles. Brian Breault was the winning pitcher, while Bob Munger was charged with the loss.

Wayne McCauley had a single and a double and Craig Valenti had two singles for the Eagles.

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Babe Ruth Senior League

Maiorano's Driving School wrapped up the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League championship last night with a 3-2 victory over Burger King. The victory gives Maiorano's the second-half championship in addition to its earlier first-half title.

Cliff Smead hurled 1⅔ hitless innings to pick up the victory in relief of starter Jim DiMaina, who gave up four hits in the first 5⅓ innings. Dominic DiMattia had a single and an RBI to lead the winners. Gary Carnute and losing pitcher Marty Ferris each had two singles and an RBI for Burger King, and Ferris hurled a complete-game four-hitter.

Pat Anello fired a five-hit shutout to lead Mystic Lodge to a 3-0 win over the Eagles in the Senior Babe Ruth League. Chuck Gaylord had a single and a double and Mark Boulais had a double and two RBI to lead the winners' offensive attack. Dave LeVardi had two singles for the Eagles.

Senior Babe Ruth League

Adam Krebs sparked Mystic Lodge to a 6-2 Senior Babe Ruth League win over Sports Inc. last night at Wahconah Park with an eight-hit pitching job and two singles and three runs batted in for the attack. Chuck Gaylord contributed two singles to the victory.

Kevin Pedraja had two hits for Sports Inc. Mark Andrew was the losing pitcher.

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Babe Ruth league results

Jeff McCarthy went 4-for-4 and four other players had two hits a piece to place O'Connell Oil past Arace Datsun Mazda in Babe Ruth League baseball action at the Reid Middle School.

McCarthy had a double and triple among his four hits as well as two RBI. Jeff Snyder (who also had three RBI), winning pitcher Paul Gaylord, Chris Reagan and Rob White were the others with more than one hit. Leading Arace was Tim McMahon with two hits. Paul DiCroce was the losing pitcher.

Senior Babe Ruth League

The Eagles turned back the Sons of Italy 6-2 last night at Wahconah Park. Winning pitcher Wayne McCauley aided his own cause with a double and a run batted in. Steve Selkowitz and Tom Curry had triples for the Sons of Italy. Don Ferguson was the losing pitcher.

JUL 16 1982

Senior Babe Ruth League picks 18 for all-star team

Eighteen players were selected for the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League all-star team last night at a meeting of the coaches and league officials at Springside House. The Pittsfield team will be participating in the state tournament at Worcester starting Saturday.

The players chosen and their regular teams are: Burger King, Marty Ferris and Bob Maloy; Eagles, Greg Fick, Chris Tierney, Wayne McCauley and Steve Charrow; Maiorano's, Cliff Smead, Matt Pictrowski, Jim DiMania, Kevin Stannard and Jeff Chandler; Mystic, Chuck Gaylord and Leo Nesbit; Sons of Italy, Don Ferguson and Phil Cronin; Sports Inc., Mark Andrew, Joe Marziello and Jim Foss.

Pat Markhan will be the all-star team manager and Dennis Cyr and Ray Charrow will assist him. The tournament will be at Clark University Field on Beaver Street. The local team will play its first game Saturday. If Pittsfield wins it will be in action Sunday at noon but if Pittsfield loses it will play its second game Sunday morning at 9.

The team and league officials are seeking transportation for the players to the tournament or donations to help defray expenses. Offers of either will be welcome.

JUL 21 1982

Babe Ruth League results

The Irish Americans put over a run in the seventh inning to nip Besse-Clarke 4-3 last night at Reid Middle School. Pinch runner Jim Castagna tallied the winning marker when he stole second base, went to third on a wild pitch and came home on a throwing error on the play. Besse's had tied the score in the sixth with three runs.

Winning pitcher Chris Smith and loser Maike Chapman each pitched two-hitters. Tom McNight and Darryn Behan had the two safeties for the winners and Jim Nichols and Steve Gniadek the two hits for the losers.

In a wild contest at Benedict Road Field Arace Datsun and Hermann Alexander played to an 11-11 tie. Arace Datsun relief pitcher Bernie Carroll squeezed in Tom Pia with the tying run in the last of the sixth before the game was called because of darkness. Tom Moody had three hits including a double for Hermann Alexander's and Tim Funk two including a bases-loaded homer. He drove in six runs in the tilt. Paul DiCroce and Terry McMahon led Arace's with three and two hits respectively.

Adams Super Markets and GEAA were the division leaders at the end of the first half. Each team still has one rainout to play and two teams have two games to make up.

The standings: AMERICAN LEAGUE — Adams Super Markets, 9-1-0; VFW, 7-2-1; Besse-Clarke, 7-3-0; O'Connell Oil, 5-4-1; Oliver Auto Body, 5-4-1; Gildo's Auto Body, 5-5-0; Arace Datsun Mazda, 3-7-0; General Electric, 2-8-0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE — GEAA, 8-1-1; Sons of Italy, 7-3-0; Lipton Oil, 6-3-1; Hermann Alexander's, 4-6-0; IUE 255, 4-6-0; Mass. Energy & Oil, 4-6-0; Union Federal, 3-5-1; Irish Americans, 2-7-0.

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Babe Ruth League results

Arace Datsun pitcher Dave Honiker doubled in the winning run in the seventh inning to give his team a 5-4 triumph over VFW yesterday at Benedict Road field. John Salvie, who had singled in the tying run, scored the clincher.

Honiker pitched a six-hitter. Losing hurler Tony Arpante gave up nine hits.

Honiker also had a single in addition to his game-winning two-bagger. Paul DiCroce had two doubles, Brian Traversa a double and single, and Salvie two singles for Arace's. Ed Ladley led VFW with a double and single, and Arpante had a pair of singles.

Besse-Clarke and General Electric battled to a 3-3 tie in a Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League game Friday at the Benedict Road field.

The game was called at the end of seven innings because of darkness.

Jim Nichols, who went 3-for-3 in the game, belted a three-run first-inning homer for Besse's, but GE came back and finally tied the game on Dean Saldo's sacrifice fly in the last half of the seventh.

Mickey Melle had two hits to lead the GE attack.

JUL 6 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Aided by a six-run third inning, General Electric turned back Oliver Auto Body 10-6 last night at Benedict Road Field.

GE banged out 14 hits. Jeff Astore had a home run and triple and drove in three runs. Marty Streit had a double and two singles, Tony Taikowski a double and single and Jeff Hanford two singles. Pete Beaudoin had a double, a single and three RBI in the losing cause.

Astore was the winning pitcher in relief of Streit. He went the last five innings and had 10 strikeouts. Oliver starter Beaudoin was charged with the loss. He went three innings and Dale Surbaugh finished up.

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Babe Ruth League results

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Oliver Auto Body, sparked by the four-hit pitching of Peter Beaudoin, defeated Adams Super Markets 9-3 last night at Reid Middle School field. Beaudoin struck out eight.

Troy Robinson slugged a home run and triple and Dale Surbaugh cracked a double and two singles to lead Oliver's attack. Randy Wroblewski had a triple and single for half the Super Markets' hits. Mike Cadenelli was the losing pitcher. He was relieved in the seventh by Richie Levardi.

Gildo's Auto Body romped to an 18-4 win over Besse-Clarke at Benedict Road Field. Mike Daley went the distance on the mound for Gildo's.

Leading the 17-hit winning offense were Rob Sweeney with a double and two singles, Mike O'Hagerty with a home run and single, Mike Daley with a double and single and Rob Gaucher, Kevin Clement and Jim Massari with two singles each. Bob Tynan had a two-bagger and single and Dave Tynan two singles for Besse-Clarke. Todd Dextradeur, the first of three Besse-Clarke hurlers, was the losing pitcher.

Babe Ruth League results

Sons of Italy used a six-run sixth inning to break a 5-5 tie and defeat IUE 255 11-5, and Arace Datsun breezed past Oliver Auto Body 14-6 in last night's Babe Ruth League action.

Pete Geranois and Mike Andross had two hits each, and Jamie Paul and winning pitcher Jim Meaney had two RBI apiece to lead the offense for Sons of Italy. Pete Selkowitz and Rick Wlodkowski had two hits each, and Gary Bresnahan had a triple and three RBI for IUE 255. Selkowitz took the loss in relief of Bresnahan.

Paul DiCroce and Tim McMahon each had three hits to pace a 13-hit attack that led Arace to its victory. One of McMahon's hits was a home run, and he drove in two runs for the winners, who jumped to a 9-0 lead in the second inning. Troy Robinson and Chris Barbarotta had two hits each for Oliver, and Barbarotta drove in four runs. Dave Honiker went all the way for the win and Oliver starter Bob Gavin took the loss.

In earlier Babe Ruth action, Bresnahan hurled a three-hit shutout, striking out nine, to lead IUE 255 to an 8-0 win over Hermann Alexander's. Pete Quinlan, Paul Gilardi and Eric Wlodkowski had three hits each, and Bresnahan had two hits and three RBI to lead IUE's 14-hit attack. Bernie Carroll was the losing pitcher.

JUL 14 1982

Babe Ruth League results

O'Connell Oil, behind the three-hit pitching of Kyle Kozlowski blanked Besse-Clarke 2-0 last night at Benedict Road Field. Losing pitcher Todd Dextradeur fired a six-hitter and both runs off him were unearned.

Kozlowski and Chuck Murphy led the O'Connell offense with two hits each. Jim Nichols, Bob Thistle and Chris Apple had the Besse-Clarke hits.

VFW scored two runs in the sixth inning to defeat Adams Super Markets 4-3 at Reid Middle School. Barry Moynihan, who had two doubles and a single, singled in Ed Ladley, who had reached with a base hit, with the winning run.

Randy Wroblewski had a double and two singles, Mike Levardi a pair of singles and Richie Levardi a triple for Adams Super Markets. Tony Arpante was the winning hurler with a route-going performance. Chris Cadenelli and Frankie Ott were the Adams Super Markets hurlers with Cadenelli getting charged with the loss.

JUL 15 1982

Babe Ruth League results

GEAA edged Hermann Alexander's restaurant 5-4 last night at Deming Field. GEAA starting pitcher Mark Nagleschmidt was credited with the win and John Rogers got a save. Rogers also had two hits and drove in two runs.

Brian Turnbull was the losing pitcher. Tony Trzcinka had two hits and two RBI and Tom Moody belted a home run for Hermann Alexander's.

Adams Super Markets rolled to a 19-1 win over Besse-Clarke in a Benedict Road Field game that was called after five innings because of the 15-run Babe Ruth League rule. The winners had seven-run outbursts in the first and fifth innings.

Scott Johnson with two doubles and a single and Randy Wroblewski with three singles paced Adams Super Markets' 14-hit attack. Jim Nichols had two of Besse's five hits. Mike Levardi, Shaun Sottile and Rich Levardi did the pitching for the winners. Mike Chapman, Nichols and Bob Tynan were the Besse-Clarke hurlers.

General Electric scored nine runs in the last two innings but fell short and lost to Arace Datsun Mazda 11-10 at Reid Middle School. Tim McMahon led the Arace offense with a triple and two singles. Bob Honiker had a double and single, Terry McMahon two singles and Paul DiCroce a three-bagger. Losing pitcher Tony Talkowski had three hits for GE and Mickey Melle two.

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State qualifying tournament

JUL 19 1982

CLASS B

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Winners' Bracket

Sports Inc. 12, City Savings Bank 11
Bible Speaks Stars 8, Dalton Avenue Variety 0
Sports Inc. 10, Home Plate 3

Losers' Bracket

City Savings Bank 9, Lee Men's Club 0
Home Plate 8, Macano 3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Winners' Bracket

Bible Speaks Stars 14, Sports Inc. 3

Losers' Bracket

Dalton Avenue Variety 6, City Savings Bank 4
Home Plate 7, Dalton Avenue Variety 4
Home Plate 14, Sports Inc. 13

Qualifying Tournament Final

Bible Speaks Stars 8, Home Plate 7

CLASS C

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Winners' Bracket

Del Gallo's 7, Buratto's 6
Itam 4, Bible Speaks Saints 3
Del Gallo's 8, Bulls Eye 4

Losers' Bracket

Nel's 4, Bulls Eye 3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Winners' Bracket

Itam 6, Del Gallo's 5

Losers' Bracket

Auto Parts 2, Buratto's 0
Bible Speaks Saints 14, Auto Parts 6
Bible Speaks Saints 14, Nel's 5
Del Gallo's 8, Bible Speaks Saints 2

Qualifying Tournament Final

Itam 7, Del Gallo's 5

JUL 22 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Starting pitcher Frank Ott combined with Shaun Sottile for a two-hitter and aided his own cause with two hits and three RBI to lead Adams Super Market to a 19-0 win over General Electric last night in Babe Ruth League action at Benedict Road Field. The game was halted after 4½ innings because of the 15-run rule.

Ott's two hits included a home run. Eric Falkowski and Dave Tchorz each chipped in with two hits and two RBI for the winners, with Paul Ferdyn adding three hits and an RBI and Mike Levardi two hits and an RBI.

Losing pitcher Joe Esposito and Jeff Hanford had the only hits for General Electric.

Senior Babe Ruth all-stars eliminated by Worcester team

WORCESTER — East Side of Worcester, the defending Western State Senior Babe Ruth League champions, clobbered the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League all-stars 21-0 here yesterday, eliminating the Pittsfield team from the Western State senior tournament.

East Side banged out 20 hits in the game, scoring two runs in the first inning before blowing the game open with six runs in the second inning and six more in the third.

East Side will now play Greenfield in a third-round losers' bracket game today. The tournament finals are set for Saturday. All tournament games are being played at the Clark University field.

Jeff Chandler, who gave up just four of the East Side runs, was nonetheless the losing pitcher. He started the game and was followed by a total of five Pittsfield relievers.

JUL 28 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Mike O'Hagerty hurled a four-hitter and belted a three-run homer last night to lead Gildo's Auto Body to a 5-1 win over Union Federal Savings in the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League.

O'Hagerty struck out 11 in his complete-game effort and broke open a 2-1 game with his blast in the fifth inning. Dave McNeice had two of the winners' five hits. Gary Dubois and Jim Somerville each had two of the bankers' four hits. Starter Gary Dubois took the loss.

GEAA captured the first-half championship by rallying from an 8-2 deficit to defeat Lipton Energy 9-8 in their make-up game last night. GEAA's rally started with five runs in the fifth inning, and they scored the tying and winning runs in the sixth.

Bill Noble had three hits and Dave MacHaffie, Dan Martin, Steve Wieber and John Rogers added two each for the winners. Martin and Wieber each had a double, Wieber drove in three runs and MacHaffie drove in two. Mark Nagelschmidt got the win in relief, and combined with starter Rogers for a four-hitter. Jim Collins had two doubles and four RBI for Lipton, and Shawn Kirchner took the loss.

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County Senior Baseball League

Adams-Cheshire and Dalton both swept double-headers Sunday in the Berkshire County Senior Baseball League.

Adams-Cheshire took a pair from Pittsfield by scores of 16-1 and 9-3 at Clapp Park, while, at Wahconah Regional in Dalton, Dalton downed Lee 6-5 and 7-1.

At Clapp, Mike Petithory pitched two-hit ball and struck out 10 in five innings to pick up the Adams-Cheshire win in the opener, while Bob Kittler went the distance, hurling a six-hitter, in the nightcap.

Ken Williams had a double and a triple for Adams-Cheshire in the first game, while he and Mark Lancia both homered in the second tilt. Scott Haring also had a home run and a single for Adams-Cheshire in the opener.

In Dalton, John Myrick pitched a four-hitter and struck out eight to get the opening mound win, with John Ellsworth tossing a five-hitter to get the victory in the nightcap. Lee's Tim Cummings was tagged with the second-game loss despitie giving up just two hits.

Tim Brophy had a big first game for Dalton, collecting a single, double and home run.

Babe Ruth League results

IUE 255 and O'Connell Oil set what is believed to be a Pittsfield Babe Ruth League record for total double plays last night in playing a 4-4 tie called because of darkness at Reid Middle School field. IUE turned over five twin killings and O'Connell's made three double plays.

The teams were even in hits also with seven each. Pete Quinlan had two for IUE. Chuck Murphy doubled and Jeff Blair cracked a two-run homer for O'Connell Oil.

Kyle Kozlowski went all the way for O'Connell's. Paul Gilardi pitched three innings and Gary Bresnahan four for IUE.

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Babe Ruth League results

Gildo's Auto Body broke a 3-3 tie with a run in the sixth inning to edge the Sons of Italy 4-3 last night at Reid Middle School field. Jimmy McNeice singled in Danny Moore with the clincher. The game was called after six innings because of darkness.

Moore with two hits and Todd Vittone with a double paced Gildo's attack. Mike Decelles had a two-bagger for the Sons of Italy, which had just five hits off winning pitcher Mike O'Hagerty. Frank Algerio went the route for the losers.

Tuesday night VFW captured the second-half championship in the American League on a 12-6 triumph over O'Connell Oil in a playoff clash, also called after six innings. Leading VFW batters were Jeff Colbert with a triple and two singles, Dominic Carnevale with a triple and double, and Ronnie Munger with two hits. Jeff Blair had three hits for O'Connell's, Kirk Gilbert contributed a double and single, and Jeff McCarthy had a triple.

Colbert went all the way for the pitching win. McCarthy and Blair were the O'Connell hurlers, with McCarthy getting the loss.

VFW will meet Adams Super Markets on Monday night at Benedict Road Field for the American circuit crown.

Oliver Auto Body and Arace Datsun played to a 7-7 tie last night at Benedict Road in a game for a berth in the round-robin playoffs. They will try again tonight to get a winner.

Oliver scored four runs in the first of the seventh to take a 7-4 lead but Arace came back with three in the last of the seventh to gain the deadlock before the clash was halted because of darkness. Steve Ellsworth had a two-run single in the seventh for Arace's and John Salvie drove in the tying tally.

Pitcher Pete Beaudoin had two hits, including a home run, for Oliver. Teammate John Walton had a double and Bob Gavin had two singles. Arace Datsun hurler Dave Honiker had a double and single. Tim McMahon had three hits and Paul DiCroce had two for the auto dealership.

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AUG 6 1982

Babe Ruth League results

Arace Datsun edged Oliver Auto Body 12-11 last night at Benedict Road Field in a play-off game for a Babe Ruth League round robin berth. The teams finished the regular schedule tied and played a 7-7 tie game Wednesday night.

Arace won in spite of six home runs by Oliver Auto Body, which had consecutive round-trippers by Bob Gavin, Mark Martin and Dave Gokey in a six-run third inning. Troy Robinson belted two homers and Dale Surbaugh had the other one.

Tim McMahon with three hits and five runs batted in, Paul DiCroce with a double and a single and Dave Honiker with two singles led Arace's attack. Steve Ellsworth was the winning pitcher in relief of Brian Traversa. John Walton was charged with the loss after relieving starter Gavin in the first inning.

County Senior League results

Dalton took over sole possession of first place in the Berkshire County Senior Baseball League Sunday with a double-header sweep of previously-undefeated Adams-Cheshire.

Dalton downed the North County team 5-3 and 3-2, and now leads Adams-Cheshire by a half-game. In other Sunday action, Pittsfield topped Lee 10-6 in a game played at Clapp Park.

Dalton's John Ellsworth hurled a five-hitter and struck out six in the first win over Adams, while Jeff DeForrest sparked the winners with a single and a triple. Bruce Zieba had two hits for Adams.

In the nightcap, Dan Myrick bested Mike Petithory in a good pitchers' duel, hurling a four-hitter and striking out six while Petithory fanned 11. Matt Jangro had three hits for Dalton, with Ken Gage singling in the winning run in the sixth.

In the Pittsfield game, Brian Breault was the winning pitcher, tossing a six-hitter while striking out eight. Mike Martin drove in three runs with three hits to lead the Pittsfield offense, while Rick Montleone added a two-run triple.

JUL 29 1982



Ray Lamont

CHAMPION of the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League is Maiorano's Driving School. Team members include, left to right: front row — head coach Pat Markham, Kevin Stannard, Matt Pictrowski, Jim DiMaina and assistant coach Bob Scherer; back row — Leo Kruczkowski, Chris Ciepiela, Mike Weatherby, Jeff Storie, Cliff Smead, Matt Storie and sponsor Sam Maiorano. Jeff Chandler, Mark Zorbo, Charlie Caparella, Dom DiMattia, Brad Whitehill and Tom Clary were absent when the picture was taken.

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